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St. Anne's Defeated Again

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam Town Council, after heated discussion, voted not to continue the process of buying the 171-acre St. Anne's Country Club. The 6-5 vote came after a counter-offer from the Napolitan family, owners of the property, was debated.

Following a request last fall from owner Joseph Napolitan for a decision on whether or not Agawam would bid for the land, located off Shoemaker Lane, the council voted in December to offer \$3.25 million for the land.

This was contingent on the town receiving \$500,000 in state funds for open space acquisition. Deadline for the Napolitan family to accept the town's purchase offer was December 31st.

At that time, the town received a counter-offer from a sale agreement with a \$2.75 million purchase price and a "second mortgage" of \$500,000 to be held by the Napolitans. This sum would not have to be repaid until the state's \$500,000 commitment is in the town's hands later this year.

The counter-offer carries a January 31st deadline for the sales agreement with a March 1st closing date.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said afterwards that despite the second consecutive defeat of the town purchasing the property, this probably won't be the last time the council deals with this issue.

Last summer the council also defeated the purchase by a 6-4 vote. Eight votes, or two-thirds of the council are necessary to approve the land purchase.

"The town still holds first option on the property. If the Napolitans receive an offer on the land, the town will again have the opportunity to buy it."

Council fiscal conservative Paul Fieldstad, who voted against the purchase, urged his colleagues to consider the state's financial crisis before committing to a multi-million land acquisition.

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Taxpayers Pouring In Payments To Town; Budget Caution Noted

by Christine Piesyk
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"We've collected over \$2 million this past week, and we've received \$2.5 million in state funds. We're in excellent shape right now as far as the town is concerned," said Town Treasurer Rudolfo Altobelli Tuesday morning.

Altobelli, however, remains gravely concerned about the Commonwealth's continuing financial crisis. Despite a brisk over-the-counter business in local tax payments, and the prospect of another \$5 million coming into the town treasury over the next three weeks, the outlook on the state level is "grim," says Altobelli, with projected fiscal 1989 deficits possibly topping the \$1 billion mark.

Altobelli says that means level funding, delayed state reimbursements to cities and towns, and the possibility of semi-annual local aid disbursements instead of the quarterly allocations that cities and towns, including Agawam, depend on.

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Bryan To Retire From Ag. Congo



REVEREND FLOYD BRYAN of the Agawam Congregational Church, is pictured with Heritage Hall Nursing Home residents Magdelene Fleming and Idella Teeling during one of his regular visits. Rev. Bryan is retiring from his post at the church. Advertiser News

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Helping Out With Tax Payments



BOB TOUCHETTE (left), and his daughter, Linda, owners and operators of the popular Jeff Allen's Restaurant at O'Brien's Corner, were quick to line-up and pay their property taxes before Christmas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rheault Again Tabbed As Council President; DeForge New VP

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Donald M. Rheault will continue to serve as president of the Agawam Town Council.

By a narrow 6-5 vote, the council retained Rheault as head of the 11-member board for a seventh time. Rheault defeated the only other nominee for the post, former council Vice-President Jessie D. Fuller.

In nominating Rheault, Councilor John Negrucci commended him for "doing a fine job" and stated that the council did not need a change in leadership.

In nominating Mrs. Fuller, Councilor Christopher Johnson said, "She has done a good job as vice-president of the council."

"With all do respect to Rheault," Johnson stated, "the council is do for a change. Jessie has chaired the School Committee two times and has the prerequisites to make a fine president."

Following her defeat, Mrs. Fuller thanked the council for their previous support as vice-president. "It's been a privilege to serve in this position," she said. "I wish the president well."

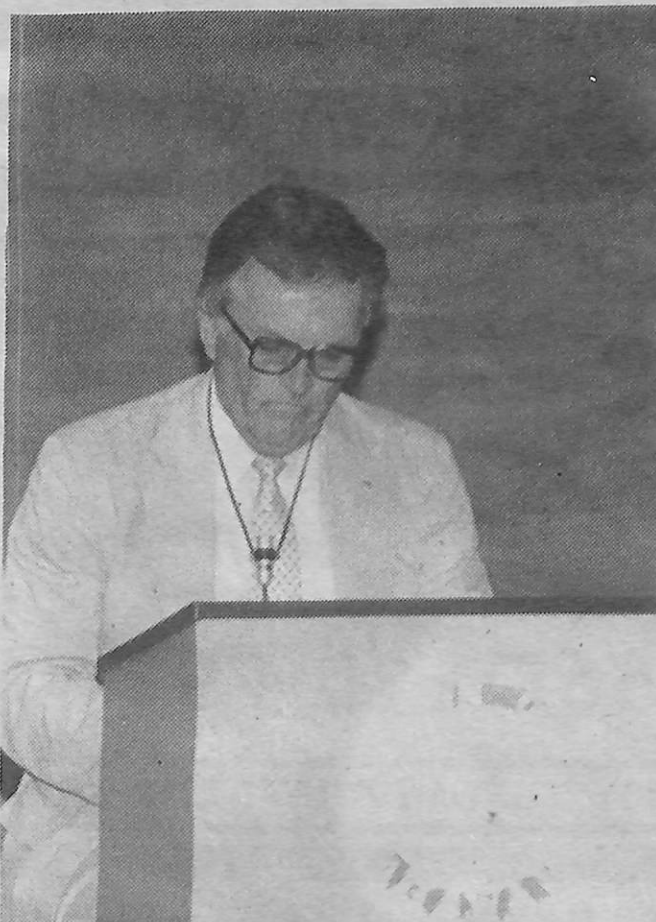
Mrs. Fuller did not seek reelection as council vice-president.

The sole nominee for that post was Councilor Philip DeForge. He was elected unanimously, 11-0.

The election of council officers was originally scheduled midway through the evening's agenda, but was moved to the top of the slate on a motion by Councilor Benjamin Lockhart. Lockhart advocated electing the council's 1989 officers before taking action on the first items of the agenda.

Supporting Rheault were Councilors Edward Borgatti, David Skolnick, Paul Fieldstad, DeForge, Rheault, and Negrucci.

Supporting Mrs. Fuller were Councilors Frederick Iardi, Edward Caba, Lockhart, Johnson, and Mrs. Fuller.



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD M. RHEAULT was elected to serve another one-year term as head of the 11-member body. Rheault's current term expires on December 31st, 1989. Philip DeForge was named the new council vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"The point remains that the state and the towns are in trouble," Fieldstad said. "The town manager has urged level funding for the next budget. The fundamental concept (of buying the property) is great, but first things are first."

According to Fieldstad, "first things" means taking care of the people already working for the town (no layoffs due to budget cuts), and taking care of the town - roads, sidewalks, and basic maintenance.

Councilor Edward Caba, who also dissented on the vote, echoed Fieldstad's sentiments. He expressed concern that the state's current fiscal woes are just "scratching the surface. It's a savage cycle," Caba stated. "Already the state is pulling away (support for its funding commitments). The distance between donor and recipient is growing."

Speaking for the purchase, Councilor Benjamin Lockhart referred to a report from the Town Treasurer's Office that state the town was in "good financial shape. As far as the town goes, the bonding will carry it (the purchase) - the people will carry it," he said.

Councilor Edward Borgatti pointed out another option - waiting. He said because the Napolitan family have taken advantage of a state tax-reduction program for open space, the town still retains the right to match any purchase offer that might arise in the future.

Borgatti said this negates the need to make an immediate and expensive decision.

"I feel there are other priorities. There's other open space for less money," Borgatti stated. "And we still have the chance to match any offers."

Councilor Christopher Johnson, chairman of the council's St. Anne's subcommittee, again defended the purchase. He said that the counter-offer from the Napolitan family was fair, and that the value of the land to a developer could be much higher.

"What was offered to us is better than what we offered them (the Napolitans)," said Johnson.

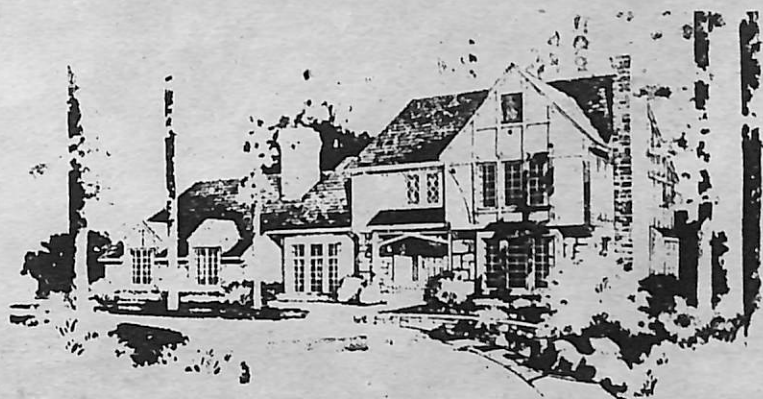
Johnson added that he has received assurances "three times" from state sources that indicated that the state's \$500,000 funding commitment is intact, and that this money should be used as early in 1989 as possible.

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Editorial

Game-Playing On Mayor's Salary By Lockhart, Mrs. Fuller May Be Over

We sincerely hope the game-playing and childish nonsense about establishing a reasonable and fair salary for the town's first elected mayor is over.

Town Councilors voted 9-0 Tuesday night on the first reading of an ordinance that would set the first mayor's pay at \$50,000 per year.

At the council's December meeting, the poor behavior of Councilors Benjamin Lockhart and Jessie D. Fuller caused more embarrassment for the town when the \$50,000 salary failed to receive the necessary two-thirds (8 votes) on two separate votes.

On the first vote, Mrs. Fuller boldly declared she was always in favor of the manager form of government and any move by her on the mayor's salary would be a "no vote" or an abstension.

Throughout the fall, Mrs. Fuller stated she was not in favor of a mayor or a town manager, but she would rather see charter revision before any vote on changing the form of government was taken.

The over 70 percent support of townspeople

for an elected mayor should have provided Mrs. Fuller with a clear message.

Lockhart, an outspoken proponent of the manager form of government, voted in favor of the \$50,000 mayor's salary, but it was defeated because it lacked the necessary eight votes.

The scenario turned bizarre when Mrs. Fuller asked for another vote following a recess.

She then favored the \$50,000 salary but Lockhart, in just a few minutes, had a change of heart and flip-flopped the other way. Again, the mayor's salary was on hold until this past Tuesday night's meeting.

Lockhart again changed his mind on Tuesday night, and voted in favor of the \$50,000. Mrs. Fuller now says the \$50,000 is too low but agreed to it.

We strongly suggest to these two councilors to please take the time to read the pulse of this community and understand the anger and resentment vented at the council because of actions such as these.

If not, then each should consider resigning.

Latest Defeat Of Town Buying St. Anne's Doesn't End Issue

The Advertiser News has carefully listened to the debate over the St. Anne's Country Club since last summer.

Should the town buy it? Can the town afford it? Can the town run a municipal golf course? What about the liquor license at the site?

Will the state's \$500,000 commitment to off-set the \$3.25 million purchase price be there down the road? Is buying the 171-acre parcel more important than other priorities, like improved public roads and sidewalks, public education, or improving the delivery of municipal services?

As we talk to many townspeople, we have found a common theme surrounding this issue - the rapid and alarming loss of open space in Agawam.

Last summer we supported the town purchasing St. Anne's as a means of preserving open space, first and foremost. That parcel, in our view, was never intended for any other use except for recreational, open space.

We thought attempts to sell the purchase as a profitable business venture was a boondoggle shackled with questionable and unsubstantiated numbers.

If someone wishes to purchase it for a golf course, then we, as well as many others in town, would breathe a sigh of relief.

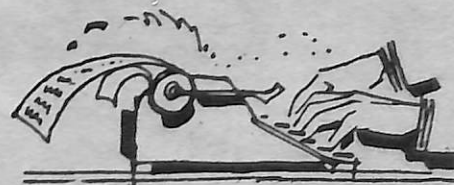
But if the owners of the site do indeed have other valid offers for the parcel, as they have publicly stated (from another developer, perhaps), then the town will again be faced with answering the St. Anne's question.

Townspeople also have to ponder - What Price Open Space? Maintaining the integrity of land always intended for open space may be more than some are willing to pay.

The financial picture clouding St. Anne's may clear somewhat down the road, but at this time, it's a definite drawback to assembling a fragile eight-vote majority on this 11-member council.

Twenty years from now, we hope the townspeople can continue to drive down Shoemaker Lane and watch the rolling hills and trees of St. Anne's majestically overlooking our community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Townspeople Should Get Involved

To The Editor:

1988 was a year of great activity in the Town of Agawam—a year of many significant political changes as well as a heightening of environmental awareness.

Most of the decisions that will impact our lives are made by just a few people, who are not necessarily experts on the issues. These politicians, committee members and town staff need and want the support and advice of residents in order to make correct, informed choices.

The most important New Year's resolution that our townspeople could make is to "become more active and informed participants in the decision making process for the Town of Agawam, to insure the highest standards and quality of life for all, today and in the future."

A good starting point would be the Board of Health public hearing on Wednesday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School, where the Board will be addressing safety regulations on the Bondi's Island landfill as they are on the Fluor Incinerator.

The Board seeks to minimize the environmental effect that this facility has brought to our community in the form of air pollution and water contamination.

The answer to our global environmental problems begins in all of our backyards.

If everyone's backyard is safe, then we'll all be safe.

Community activity is important, intellectually stimulating and rewarding. It nurtures feelings of control rather than helplessness, a sense of belonging rather than separateness and the pleasure of involvement rather than apathy.

Until January 11th,
Donna Jago

River Road, Agawam
Advocates For A Safe Environment

Another Good Effort By Lions

To The Editor:

I want to thank all of the Agawam Lions, their wives and friends for donating blood at our recent blood bank December 18th, 1988. The bank was a success due to the Lions' support, and in fact, we contributed 30 percent of the total donation.

I also want to give my thanks and appreciation to The Agawam Advertiser News for their willingness to publicly support our effort.

Sincerely,
Matt Blackak
Agawam Lions Club

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Attention is called to the minimum wage rates to be paid on the work as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 149, Sec 26 to 27G, inclusive. All bids for this project are subject to the provisions of General Laws, (Ter. ED.) Chapter 30, Section 30M, inclusive as amended.

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud in the office of Parks & Recreation Office, Rear of Agawam Senior High School, 760R Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. on Thursday, January 26, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. The Town reserves the right to accept any bid in whole or in any part and to reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

Linda A. Mundo, Town Manager

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Altobelli cites a Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Report and cautions local officials not to expect any new local aid for fiscal year 1990 above what was allocated for fiscal 1989.

"There's always a four or five percent growth. There's always an inflationary amount. All towns and cities would be hurt by this," says Altobelli.

The December MMA Report also indicates that delays are to be expected in disbursements of state funds. "Do not spend municipal funds in anticipation of speedy reimbursements from state bond programs," the MMA Report advises.

It further states, "Even if you (cities and towns) have letters of commitment from the state, reimbursement payment may be significantly delayed."

To Altobelli, this means caution and conservatism in town budget preparations, and a close eye on the town's finances. "It could mean we may have to borrow down the road. We have avoided doing that this time because the town got out the tax bills in a more orderly fashion."

Last August the April 1st tax bills were mailed to property owners, but that situation was labeled a fiasco by several town officials and members of the council.

"The town is earning nine percent interest on the money that's come in since last week," Altobelli adds, "but there's no doubt the state's fiscal crisis will have an adverse effect across the state."

"If quarterly disbursements are delayed to a semi-annual schedule, and if other monies are slow to come in down the road, we could have to borrow against anticipated revenue. There is a potential for a real budget crunch here."

Altobelli says this budget crunch will probably be felt more severely over the summer months. "I think the town will feel the effects of the state's financial crisis after the summer gets going."

The MMA Report cites the words of Acting Executive Director Daniel Soyer that cautions cities and towns across the state to exercise conservative financial planning. Soyer notes that such programs as open space acquisition, improved drinking water supplies, and landfill cleanups "will be delayed."

"The state will honor the commitments it has already made," Soyer wrote, "but that timetable for providing funds will be extended."



TOWN TREASURER RUDY ALTABELLI says he is pleased with the way taxpayers have been paying their bills following the release of property tax bills last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jail Task Force Nixed By Council Vote

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"If we don't need it - fantastic! If we do, it will be in place."

With those words, Agawam Town Council President Donald M. Rheault spoke in favor of the creation of a task force to oversee issues relating to the siting of the new Hampden County Jail.

However, the council voted 6-4 against establishing the task force.

Though Hampden County Commissioners have initially selected a Springfield location for the lock-up, and a Westfield site for a temporary jail, some officials and residents remain concerned that the facility could still end-up on county land in Agawam.

"It's a case of putting our house in order in case the state locates a jail here," Rheault said, noting that if things go well, the task force won't be necessary. "But we can't always depend on the state," he said.

Councilor Benjamin Lockhart, who has refused to speak against a jail coming to Agawam in the past, noted that county commissioners have already chosen Springfield and Westfield for jail, and added, "I see no necessity for a task force. We're not going to have a jail in Agawam, so leave it alone. Why get fired-up at this point?"

Lockhart is the former chaplain of the York Street Jail.

New Council Vice-President Philip DeForge felt the task force, petitioned to the council by mayoral candidate Anthony Bonavita, was ahead of itself. "If an Agawam site was chosen, then take action," he said.

Questions arose regarding the size and composition of the task force, with Councilor Christopher Johnson asking for more detailed information.

Rheault countered with the suggestion that Town Manager Linda Mundo "put out feelers" as to the size and make-up of the proposed task force.

Rheault also commended county commissioners on both site selections, stating, "They've done what is best for the region."

Last Friday Westfield Mayor George Varelas and county officials announced an East Mountain Road site for the temporary jail in that city. The lock-up would house pre-trial and minimum security persons.

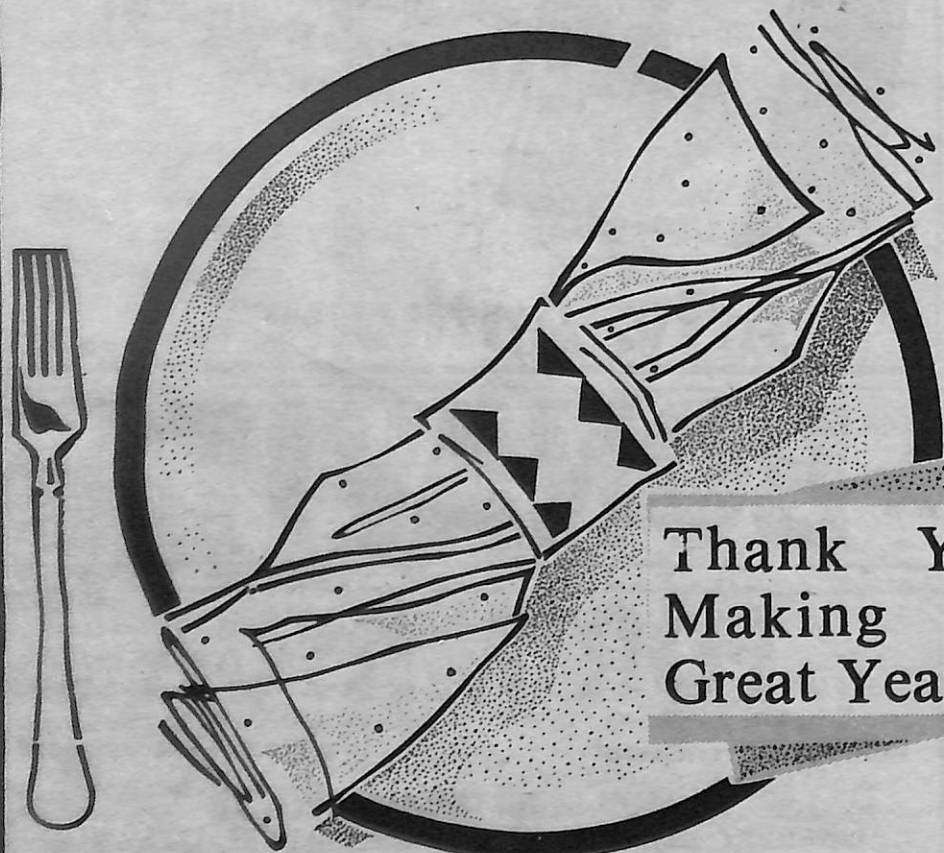
Last month county commissioners announced the selection of a Taylor Street site in Springfield for the permanent jail.

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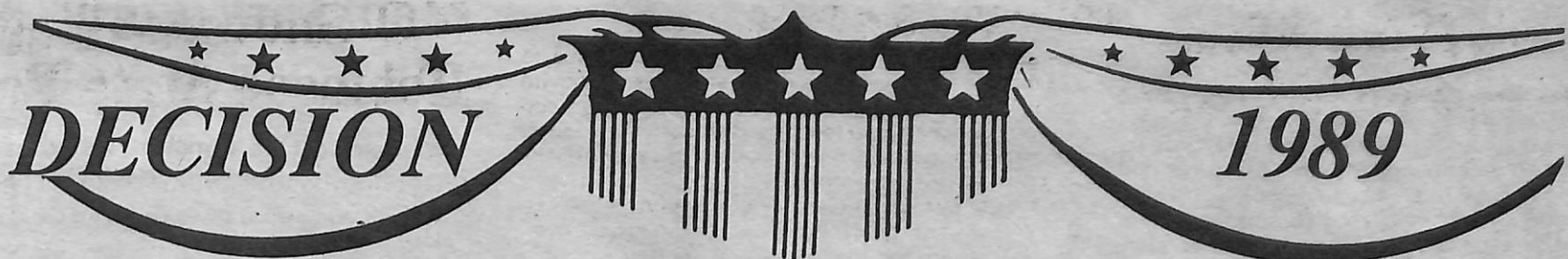
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Agawam Selects A Mayor!

Council Votes 9-0 On First Reading To Establish Mayor's Salary at \$50,000

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

\$50,000.

That's the salary figure voted on by Town Council Tuesday night for Agawam's first elected mayor.

It took two council meetings and much heated debate before a required two-thirds majority of the council could be garnered. Councilors voted 9-0 on the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilors Frederick Nardi and Christopher Johnson, both mayoral candidates, abstained from voting despite a State Ethics Commission ruling that stated both could vote on the salary issue.

Also, Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke ruled that both Nardi and Johnson could vote on the mayor's salary, providing that their vote came before the February 14th deadline to filing nomination papers.

Both councilors chose to follow the recommendations of their private attorneys to abstain.

A motion from Councilor David Skolnick to hold the salary rate at \$45,000 was defeated, despite his urging to "start low and then climb" the payroll ladder.

Council Vice-President Philip DeForge recommended topping the mayor's salary by \$1,000 of the highest paid department head. "If we incorporate that \$1,000 margin into the ordinance," DeForge said, "it would keep the salary differential in line with other officials as they receive regularly scheduled pay boosts."

Councilor Paul Fieldstad's original motion for the \$50,000 figure prevailed as councilors voted on the first of three required votes on this ordinance.

The vote only covered the salary amount for the mayor. No fringe benefits were included in the vote.

Councilor Benjamin Lockhart, who last meeting voted in favor of the \$50,000 pay but then changed his mind in a reconsideration vote that same meeting, argued vehemently in favor of including the perks - everything from a car to travel expenses, to vacations, in Tuesday night's vote.

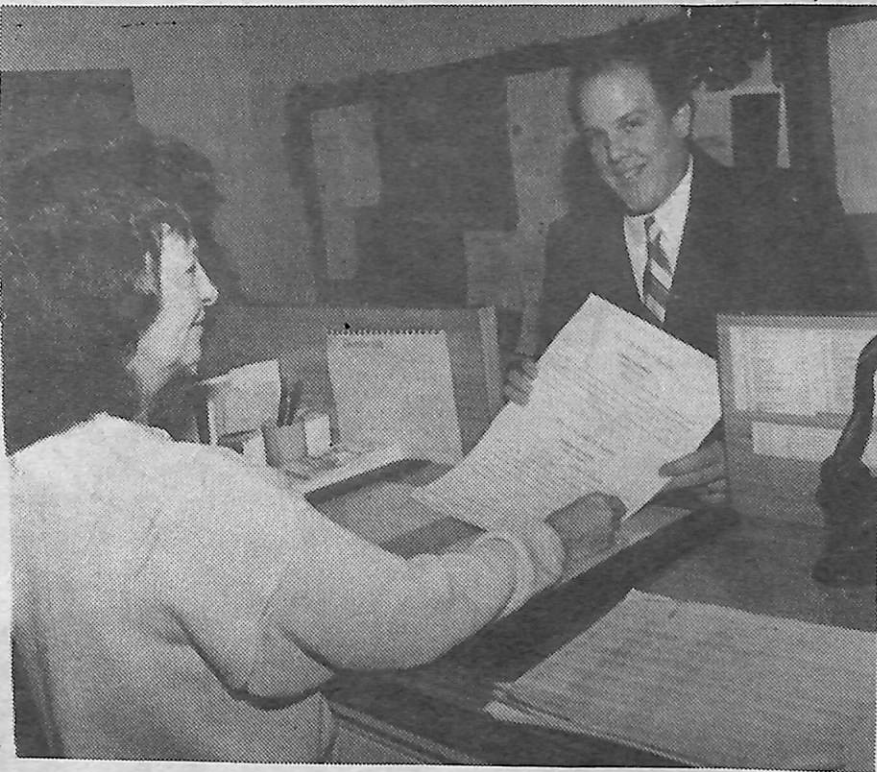
Councilor President Donald M. Rheault, however, clarified the issue, noting that unlike the contracts negotiated for former town managers with the council, the issue as hand was purely one of dollar value - creating a salary for the new job.

Councilwoman Jessie D. Fuller, who also flip-flopped her vote in December on the \$50,000 salary, noted that Agawam's highest paid official, Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, receives a \$63,489 salary, plus a \$3,000 travel allotment.

Mrs. Fuller noted that Bruno's salary will be augmented by a \$4,500 contracted pay raise next summer. She said the \$50,000 proposed for the mayor "was low."

Agawam will elect its first mayor on May 2nd. The first mayor will serve a two-and-a-half year term, with future elections scheduled to coincide with the election of School Committee and Town Councilors.

The current town manager, Linda Mundo, receives a salary of \$45,000 and will resign from the post when the new mayor is inaugurated on May 3rd. Former Town Manager Reid S. Charles was paid an annual salary of \$52,000 at the time of his suspension from that office on September 6th. Charles resigned from the post on September 30th.



Candidate Bonavita Strongly Supports Town's Schools

Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, declared that as Agawam's first mayor he will energetically support Agawam's Educational System. He stated the Mayor must make a firm commitment to education.

Without question, funding is a major ingredient to the foundation of the educational system. Bonavita pledges to "work and cooperate to obtain funds to enhance Agawam's educational system in order to elevate the level of our children's education." Further, he emphasizes that "much of Agawam's future depends on the education of our children and government's financial investment in the educational system."

As our Mayor, Bonavita will "establish on-going communication with School Administration, School Committee, parent and teacher organizations to avoid the historic budget battles of the past." He explained that we must support favorable working conditions for teachers as they are the prime component to a student's education. The relationship between teachers, parents, School Administration, School Committee, Council, and Mayor must be motivated by a total commitment.

MAYORAL CANDIDATE Anthony Bonavita was the first to file his nomination papers at the Agawam Town Clerk's Office in December. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Taxpayers Have Many Misconceptions About Filing Taxes: IRS

Taxpayers have many misconceptions about filing taxes, which in some cases can delay a speedy refund, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Many taxpayers get their information from unofficial sources such as neighbors, relatives, magazines, and newspaper articles. While this information may be helpful, it is not always accurate or complete and can lead to errors on tax returns.

Two common misconceptions are, for example, that filing early may lead to an audit and that an audit can be triggered by an error on taxpayers' tax returns. Filing later has no effect on income tax returns being selected for further examination, because the tax agency uses a sophisticated computer system to score and select tax returns according to the probability that a return has an error. All returns receive the same treatment regardless of when or where they are filed. Generally, math errors are corrected automatically by the computer and do not cause an examination. The adjustment is also automatic, increasing or decreasing taxes and refunds as appropriate.

While a telephone call to IRS can quickly clear up any of the misconceptions surrounding taxes, some taxpayers are hesitant to contact them. These individuals often believe that when they call the toll-free number, the IRS keeps a record of their call to mark their return for a tax examination; this is false. The IRS telephone system is not used to screen taxpayers for future tax examinations; it is designed for taxpayer assistance. Although the call may be monitored under the Service's Quality Review Program, this is a procedure merely to insure courteous and accurate responses to taxpayer or caller questions. No record is kept of the caller's name.

Some taxpayers believe that once examined, always examined. The IRS has a special program called the "Repetitive Examination Procedure." Its purpose is to make sure no taxpayer is examined two years in a row on the same issue when there was no change the first year.

Another misconception is that when IRS prepares a return, the tax is always higher. If facts and figures remain the same, the correct tax will be identical, no matter who prepares the return.

Several free IRS publications can help eliminate some taxpayers' misconceptions. IRS Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," gives step-by-step assistance in filing tax returns. Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services," is a catalogue of the free services offered by the IRS. These publications can be ordered by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-424-3676.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PRUDENT ASSOCIATES who are seeking a modification of Special Permit No. 1192 to allow for the addition of 41 beds to a 123 bed Convalescent Home already permitted by the Board of Appeals in Special Permit No. 1192. The premises affected being 1200 SUFFIELD STREET.
By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman
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BONAVITA - From Page 6...

The educational environment must be sensitive to and committed to the needs of all students. Bonavita supports an academic environment where parents can have input, teachers can teach, and students can learn. Bonavita emphasized that in accordance with the charter, he is not able nor does he wish to sit as a member or chairman of the School Committee, but he promised as Mayor he would work aggressively with all those concerned for the benefit of the educational system.

Bonavita's commitment to education is reinforced by his role as a parent of two school age children. He and his wife, Adele, are the parents of Carlo, 9, and Franca, 7, both students in the Agawam School System at Phelps School. As a parent he is concerned about drugs, discipline, curriculum, motivation, self-esteem, security, and student attendance. Therefore, he will view the educational system from the two perspectives, one as a Mayor, one as a parent, and believes this dual perspective will give him the vision necessary to help all those concerned elevate our educational system and build on the improvements already made.

In conclusion, Bonavita emphasized that Agawam's Mayor must always support education and never waiver from that position. He stated, "As your Mayor, my commitment to you is a government for the benefit of Agawam and its citizens. I will not be swayed by political pressure."

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 19, 1989 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 Section 14 of the Zoning Bylaws entitled "PENALTY".

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

Published: January 5, 1989

LEGAL NOTICE

NO Snowmobiling In Robinson State Park!

Robinson State Park in Agawam reminds area residents that snowmobiling is **not** allowed in the park. A new regulation went into effect last April banning all motorized recreational vehicles in the park, including snowmobiles, trail bikes, and ATVs. Hunting and discharging of firearms are also prohibited.

The park is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all winter, and cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, and sledding are encouraged. There is no parking fee during the winter months.

For more information, contact Robinson State Park, 786-2877.

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Thursday, January 19th
Agawam Planning Board
Agawam Public Library
7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25th
Board of Appeals
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Thursday, January 26th
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Agawam Police Arrest Blotter/Dec. 19-Jan 1st.

On December 19th, **Gary J. Burbeck**, 1468 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were James Donovan and Keith Bopko.

On December 22nd, **William S. Stepanik**, 85 Twin Oaks Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after revocation. Arresting officers were Ron Brown and Gary O'Brien.

On December 22nd, **Michael Hoyt**, 77 Quarry Road, Granby, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Keith Bopko, and Donald Gallerani.

On December 22nd, **William Pennington**, 1161 Westfield Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Donald Gallerani.

On December 23rd, **Donna M. McCaul**, 16 Sterling Road, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Peter Bertera.

On December 23rd, **Michael A. Price**, 124 Griffen Road, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department default warrant. Arresting officers were from Southwick Police Department.

On December 25th, **Louis Nai**, 116 Longhill Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with outstanding warrants from Shrewsbury and Yarmouth Police Departments. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Karen Langevin.

On December 25th, **Edward W. Hennessy**, 105 Corey Colonial, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Richard Light, Jr.

On December 26th, **Patricia Day**, 15 South Street, Three Rivers, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Sergeant Kenneth Grady and Detective Joe Dymon.

On December 28th, **Bruce Walker III**, 68 Davenport Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Arresting officers were Sergeant Don Loncto, Walter Zymroz, and Eric Camerlin.

On December 28th, **Fiorevanti Santaniello**, 77 Glendale Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension. Arresting officer was Eric Lottermoser.

On December 29th, **Anthony Sarnelli**, 86 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department traffic warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Tom Marmo and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

On December 30th, **Lewis Nai**, 116 Longhill Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier and Karen Langevin.

On December 30th, **Jonathan M. Lathrop**, 27 Peterson Circle, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after revocation. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

On December 30th, **Eric S. Hansen**, 75 Old Quarry Road, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Mark Pfau.

SEE POLICE BLOTTER - Page 9...

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Commending Officer Donovan; Communication

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

It was a morning like so many others. The sun was shining, traffic was beginning to pick-up and Agawam Police Officer Jim Donovan was putting the finishing touches on his eight hour (dogwatch) shift.

It was 8:15 a.m. and as he wheeled cruiser 4 down a street in the southern part of town, Jim noticed what appeared to be part of a car sticking out of a wooded area about a quarter mile from his location. He decided to investigate further and pulled his cruiser down a dirt road, through a field, and went directly to the location of the vehicle.

As he approached, he noticed the car was running and there was a body lying directly to the rear of the car near the tailpipe. He called in the registration number, departed his cruiser, and pulled the body away from the exhaust. An ambulance was called and this person was transported to the hospital where he remained in critical condition for two days. He has since recovered and is receiving treatment for his attempt to end his life.

Officer Donovan has received a written commendation from Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski and letters from a more than grateful family.

Had he been less observant, someone would have died. Had he chose to ignore the situation, the results would have been tragically different. So on this morning like so many others, Officer Donovan acted in a responsible and professional manner. In the process, he saved the life of a longtime friend of mine. Although new on the job, Jim now knows what it's all about, and that special feeling that comes from a job well done.

If compiling a list of ways to prevent crime, make sure that somewhere near the top, **communications** is included.

In addition to law enforcement officers conveying the message to the public, people must be willing to communicate with each other in order to express

thoughts and air concerns. We live in a very close society, and because of this, we must be willing to take the responsibility for the other.

In this way we demonstrate to those who would violate our rights of space and privacy that we stand united in our own defense.

Our ability to communicate is placed in jeopardy when emphasis is on anything other than listening. We must first listen to understand and then respond if and when necessary. All too often we concentrate our efforts on answers (when in truth we never heard the question). Misunderstanding follows, resulting in a total breakdown of communications.

In a world where goodbye is rapidly replacing hello, and the single parent is replacing the family unit, listening appears to be following the fate of the dinosaur. Unfortunately, the real losers in all of this are the children.

When children are young, parents develop, from the very beginning, a certain sensitivity to their needs. As they grow, it would appear that the sensitivity is lost and we somehow become less aware of their concerns. It is at this point that struggle for control begins.

The children have to be allowed to express their thoughts and know that they will be heard. If this freedom is absent, then the search for someone to listen may well find them in the streets where crime and drugs are a way of life.

Again, **the lack of communications** is causing the problem. Everyone has a need to be heard. Millions of doctors all over the world are paid excellent money, not so much for what they know, but rather for their willingness to sit and listen. What better therapy?

Whether we are sending a message of understanding to our children, or one of unity to the criminal element, the results are always the same: **Listening is learning, and we all benefit from the educational experience.**

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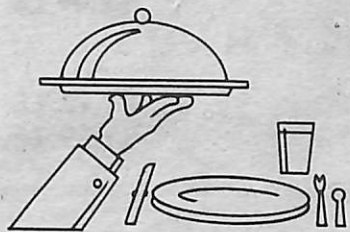
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Agawam Companies Involved With PVTA's Bus Pass Program

PVTA invited the major firms in both industrial parks to join the Employer Bus Pass subsidy program. Four companies in Agawam and three in East Longmeadow agreed to join. They pick up part of the cost of monthly bus passes for their employees who use public transit, as a means of encouraging their workers to ride the bus. The companies also get a tax benefit in exchange for subsidizing the bus passes.

The firms who have joined the subsidy program are: Kimball Company, Mediplex, and J.C. Otto in East Longmeadow; and Simmons Manufacturing Company, Olympic Manufacturing, United Fabricants, and New England School Supply in Agawam.

The trial period started in mid-December and will run through mid-February. At that time, PVTA will evaluate the number of riders on both runs and decide whether ridership is sufficient to make the service permanent.

The bus serving the Agawam park leaves Harrison Avenue in Springfield at 6:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, and arrives in the park by 6:50 a.m. The afternoon trips leave the park at 3:35 p.m. and 5:05 p.m. The bus serving East Longmeadow leaves Court Square in Springfield at 6:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, and arrives in the park by 6:50 a.m. The afternoon trip leaves the East Longmeadow park at 3:35 p.m. For more information on bus routes and schedules, call 781-PVTA.

The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority is now providing bus service to plants in the Agawam Industrial Park—and that's good news for you! You can save time and money, and avoid the hassles of driving in traffic.

Did you know you can save up to \$2,000 per year simply by taking the bus to work rather than commuting by private automobile? You also qualify for a rebate on your automobile collision insurance. And you can save another 15 percent over the cash fare price by purchasing a monthly bus pass. Wouldn't you rather spend that money on yourself?

Riding the bus is safe. PVTA carries more than 50,000 passengers in safety every day! The busses are clean, reliable and comfortable; air-conditioned in the summer and heated in winter. They'll get you to work in any kind of weather. And PVTA busses are on time, so riding is convenient as well as economical. The bus serving the Industrial Park will leave Harrison Avenue in Springfield (at the bus shelter near the side entrance

of Center Square Mall) at 6:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, and get you to work by 6:50 a.m. Two afternoon trips will leave the park at 3:35 p.m. and 5:05 p.m.

Your employer supports public transit. That's why your company will pay for half of your monthly bus pass, every month! And to get you started, PVTA will give you a V.I.P. pass to ride for the first three days, FREE! PVTA bus service began Monday, December 12th. For your free V.I.P. pass and more information on monthly bus passes, see your employer.

For information on bus routes and schedules, call 781-PVTA. Information Center staffers are on duty from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Ride the bus to work with PVTA!

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OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED the ceremony of the PVTA Employer Bus Pass Subsidy Program at the Agawam Industrial Park - from left - PVTA Administrator, Robert D. Manz; Robert F. Gladden, vice-president of Greater Springfield Chambers of Commerce; Donald M. Rheault, Agawam Town Council president; Christine A. Engel, manager, Simmons Human Resources; and Richard Theroux, Agawam town clerk. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

POLICE BLOTTER - From Page 8...

On December 30th, **Gerald A. Hodgekiss**, 46 Vale Drive, Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

On January 1st, **Steven P. Bilodeau**, 28 Federal Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and James Donovan.

On January 1st, **Peter A. Alicia**, 92 Parrallel Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with outstanding warrants for uttering and larceny. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Detective Joe Dymon, and Mark Pfau.

On January 1st, **Paula M. Bogcz**, 276 Tremont Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Detective Joe Dymon, and Mark Pfau.

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Attorney General Says Local Company Must Restore Wetlands

After a week-long trial in Hampden Superior Court, a Springfield company and an Agawam landowner were found liable for illegally dumping demolition debris into wetlands located at 1786 Main Street in Agawam, Attorney General James M. Shannon announced.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Mendes and Associates Building Wreckers, Justice Constance Sweeney found Associated Building Wreckers (ABW) of 352 Albany Street, Springfield, and the owner of the parcel of land, Joseph Mendes, of 170 River Road, Agawam, liable for harm to protected wetlands. The order requires the defendants to restore the property to its natural state.

Specifically, the court found that the illegally "filled area has caused contamination of groundwater" and "alteration of the stream flow (at the site) increases the risk of downstream flooding, through limitation of flood storage and drainage in this watershed area of the Connecticut River."

The court also stated in its conclusions that "the debris filled area and the diversion of Four Mile Brook has caused, is causing and will cause in the future irreparable harm to the environment including leachate soil and water contamination. Additionally, there is real threat of harm to a portion of the Connecticut River watershed area caused by the diversion of the stream in the event of flooding."

"Illegal wetlands dumping and unpermitted disposal of demolition debris are serious violations of the Commonwealth's environmental laws and threatens our precious groundwater supply," said Shannon. "Businesses must be held accountable for the damage they cause to the environment."

"We're pleased this long-standing case has finally been resolved," said Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) Western Regional Director John Higgins. "But fragile resources such as freshwater wetlands cannot always survive protracted lawsuits. While we hope that future cases will be resolved as quickly as possible, we will work to ensure full compliance with environmental laws no matter how long it takes."

A hearing in the matter has been scheduled for January 20th, 1989.

Handling the case for Shannon is Assistant Attorney General Raymond Dougan of the Environmental Protection Division.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.

Agawam Lions Helps Open Pantry



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Mike Roy, Tom Cascio (president), and Bob Cecchi present a donation to Bill Girotti, president of the West Springfield Open Pantry, to assist with that organization's fund drive. The goal of the drive is \$50,000. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Laughing Brook Offers Winter Prog. For Children & Adults

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, invites you to explore the out-of-doors this winter by taking part in a variety of programs for both children and adults. Registrations are currently being accepted by mail. Walk-in registrations will be accepted beginning Saturday, January 7th. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

Programs For Adults

Winter Birds Of The South Shore, Saturday, January 14th, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This all-day bus expedition to Scituate, Plymouth, and Manomet will search for winter waterfowl. The best birders in the Connecticut Valley will be on hand to point out eiders, brants, harlequin ducks, Barrow's goldeneyes, and various scoters. Fee: \$18 for Massachusetts Audubon and Allen Bird Club members, and \$22 for non-members.

The Ancient Art Of Tracking: Reading The Signs Of Nature, Saturday, January 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spend a day in the wilderness of Quabbin on the trail of wildlife. Leader Dave Gallup will focus on interpreting tracks and animal signs. Be prepared for several miles of strenuous walking. Fee: \$10 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$14 for non-members.

Eagles At Quabbin, Sunday, February 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join Massachusetts Audubon's Master Naturalist Tom Tynning for a look at the winter population of bald eagles plus several short excursions

to search for signs of wildlife within the Quabbin area. Fee: \$10 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$14 for non-members.

Programs For Children

Choppers (Grades 3-6), Saturday, January 28th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. After discovering the connection between animal's teeth and their habits, create your own set of "choppers." Fee: \$4.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$5.50 for non-members.

Signs Of Winter (Grades K-1), Saturday, February 11th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Find out how plants and animals spend winter by searching for a squirrel kitchen and other clues left behind by woodland inhabitants. Fee: \$4.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$5.50 for non-members.

Forest Creations I (Ages 7-12), Saturday, February 11th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. After outdoor explorations, reconstruct your discoveries on murals and in sculptures. Fee: \$4.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$5.50 for non-members.

Weather Depending (Grades 2-4), Saturday, February 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No, this isn't necessarily a program on weather, but the day's activities will be weather dependent. Whatever the weather, it's sure to be a fun and educational morning. Fee: \$4.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$5.50 for non-members.

For more information on these and other Laughing Brook programs, call 566-8034 to request our current program brochure.

Operation Friendship Sets Oldies Dance January 21st

Caught up in the post holiday blues? Come join the fun. The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship, a youth cultural exchange program, is having its second annual Oldies Dance, Saturday, January 21st, at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Dancing to the music by D.J.'s J&J from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Donation is \$6. For tickets, call Pat Daubney, 789-0348, Bill Rose, 786-0195, or Sue Mueller, 789-1757. Proceeds from the dance will be used toward hosting a European Operation Friendship Chapter this coming summer.

Catholic Women's Club Sets Annual Pot Luck Supper Jan. 9

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its Annual Pot Luck Supper, Monday, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m., at St. John's Parish Center. Members are reminded to bring one item for the Penny Auction.

If you have not been contacted to bring a food dish, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

Aurora Craig, hospitality chairwoman, is being assisted by Dorothy Frenette, Rita Allen, Rosalie Ross, Mary Costa, Estelle Veronesi, Beverly Stassen, Ruth Martone, Carolyn Fiester, Laura Bouley, and Gretchen Schmidt.

Remember food donations for the Open Pantry.

Agawam's Elm Lodge Mergers With Belcher

By action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Elm Lodge and Belcher Lodge have been merged as Elm-Belcher Lodge. Meeting are held at the Masonic Temple, 53 River Street, Agawam, every Monday evening.

Manuel Cruz, Jr., master at Elm-Belcher Lodge has indicated that this merger will bring many benefits to the members and to the community of Agawam, Feeding Hills, and West Springfield. The charter for Elm-Belcher Lodge which dates back to 1870, represents many years of past service. One of the community programs has been an active Blood Program which for the past year has resulted in over 475 pints of blood for the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Starting in January plans for various activities will be implemented. Part of the plans is a Sunday morning breakfast at the Agawam Masonic Temple on Sunday, January 15th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For the following months, a Sunday morning breakfast will be served on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome to attend; adults \$3.50 per person; children under 12 years-old, \$2.50 per person.

The Elm-Belcher Lodge Calendar of Events for January is as follows:

January 9th, Monday: 7:30 p.m., Business meeting.

January 13th, Friday: 7:30 p.m., Elm Boosters meeting, for family and friends.

January 15th, Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, breakfast. All welcome.

January 16th, Monday: 7:30 p.m., special meeting.

January 23rd, Monday: 7:30 p.m., special meeting.

January 29th, Sunday: 5:00 p.m., Elm Booster Coachlight Dinner, reservations by January 8th.

January 30th, Monday: 6:00 p.m., dinner and special meeting.

For more information, call Manuel Cruz, Jr., 789-0284, or Anthony F. Scalise, secretary, 736-5206.

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Santa Claus Appears At New England School Supply



SANTA CLAUS delighted a group of youngsters who gathered for a Christmas Party at New England School Supply on Silver Street, Agawam. The youngsters seated with Santa are Katherine Murray (left) and Kristan LeClair. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Kellogg Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr. recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Pilot's Restaurant in Bangor, Maine, hosted by their son and daughter and their families.

Mr. & Mrs. Kellogg were married November 10th, 1938 in Feeding Hills.

Many friends and relatives from Canada, Maine, and Massachusetts attended.

MR. & MRS. ALVIN R. KELLOGG, JR., recently celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** with their son, daughter, and grandchildren. The Kelloggs were married in 1938.

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The Peter Bell Family Announces Birth Of Son

Mr. & Mrs. Peter T. Bell of Nantucket announce the birth of their first child, Ethan Thomas Bell, on October 19th, 1988.

Ethan was born at Nantucket Hospital at 1:30 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 6½ ounces, and measured 21½ inches long.

Ethan's dad is from Agawam, and is a 1979 Agawam High School graduate.

Paternal grandparents are Tom & Anne Bell of Clay, New York, formerly of Meadow Street, Agawam. Maternal grandparents are Fran Larrabee and Tom Larabee of Nantucket. Also welcoming Ethan's arrival are his great-grandfather, Gordan Bell of Holiday, Florida, and his proud uncle, David M. Bell of Nantucket, formerly of Agawam, and a 1982 Agawam High School graduate.

Richard & Ruth Ramponi Announce Birth Of Child

Richard & Ruth Ramponi of Decorie Drive, Wilbraham, are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Christine Elise, who was born October 28th, 1988.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Dana Elizabeth, age 4.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Richard Ramponi of Feeding Hills.

Her maternal grandparents are Wesley & AnnMary Bradford of Oxford Street, Agawam.

The Goldrup Family Announces Birth Of Daughter

Chuck & Kathy Goldrup of Walnut Street, Agawam, are the proud parents of Kayleigh, born on December 20th at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield.

Kayleigh weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and she is 22½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ken & Cathy Hallaman of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Carol Goldrup of Springfield and Robert Goldrup of Maine.

Forastiere Funeral Services Plan Widow/Widowers Support

Options: For A Brighter Tomorrow, a program of emotional support for widows and widowers, will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Mount Carmel Church, Lower Hall, William Street, Springfield.

The guest speaker for this important program will be Patrick McMahon, representing the Council of Churches.

Mr. McMahon will discuss "What Everyone Should Know About Nursing Homes Before You Need One."

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Chicken Gumbo

- 1 Chicken-cut into pieces (4 cups boned meat)
- ¼ cup oil, shortening or bacon fat
- 4 cups boiling water or chicken broth
- 2 cups canned tomatoes
- 1 package frozen okra (9-10 ounces)
- 5 cups water
- ¾ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup margarine or butter
- ½ teaspoon red pepper or chili pepper flakes
- ½ cup uncooked rice
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 to 2 teaspoons file powder (optional)

Brown chicken in oil. Transfer to a heavy pan, add broth and salt. Simmer 1½ hours or until meat falls off bones. Remove meat; discard bones and skin. Return meat to liquid; set aside.

Saute onion, celery, and green pepper in margarine until vegetables are clear and limp. Add water, tomato, sliced okra, rice, and pepper flakes. Bring to boil; simmer until rice is tender. Combine with chicken and broth. Heat together and check seasonings. Add Worcestershire and more salt if necessary. (Optional-moisten file powder with water and add. Do not boil or it will become stringy.) Serve immediately. Serves 6 or more generously.

If you prepare gumbo in advance, add file after heating, just before serving. Some cooks cook rice separately and add it at serving time.

Mulligatawny Soup

Serve with fluffy rice to spoon into the soup.

- ¼ cup butter or other fat
- ¼ cup diced onion
- ¼ cup diced carrot
- ¼ cup diced celery
- 1 pepper, chopped fine
- 1 apple, cored and sliced
- 1 cup diced raw chicken (1 breast boned and skinned)
- ⅓ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg or mace
- 2 cloves
- 1 sprig parsley
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup canned tomatoes
- 5 cups chicken broth or bouillon

Put in deep pan, butter, onion, carrot, celery, pepper, apple, raw chicken. Cook slowly until brown. Stir in flour. Add curry powder, nutmeg or mace, cloves, parsley, salt and pepper, tomatoes, chicken broth or bouillon. Simmer 1 hour. Strain reserving the liquid. Pick out the bits of chicken and set aside. Rub the vegetables through a sieve or blend in a blender and strain. Add the pureed vegetables and the chicken to the soup. Heat and season to taste. Serves 6 to 8.

Broccoli-Cauliflower Temptation

- 1 large bunch of broccoli
- 1 head of fresh cauliflower
- 1 medium to large red pepper
- Melted butter or margarine

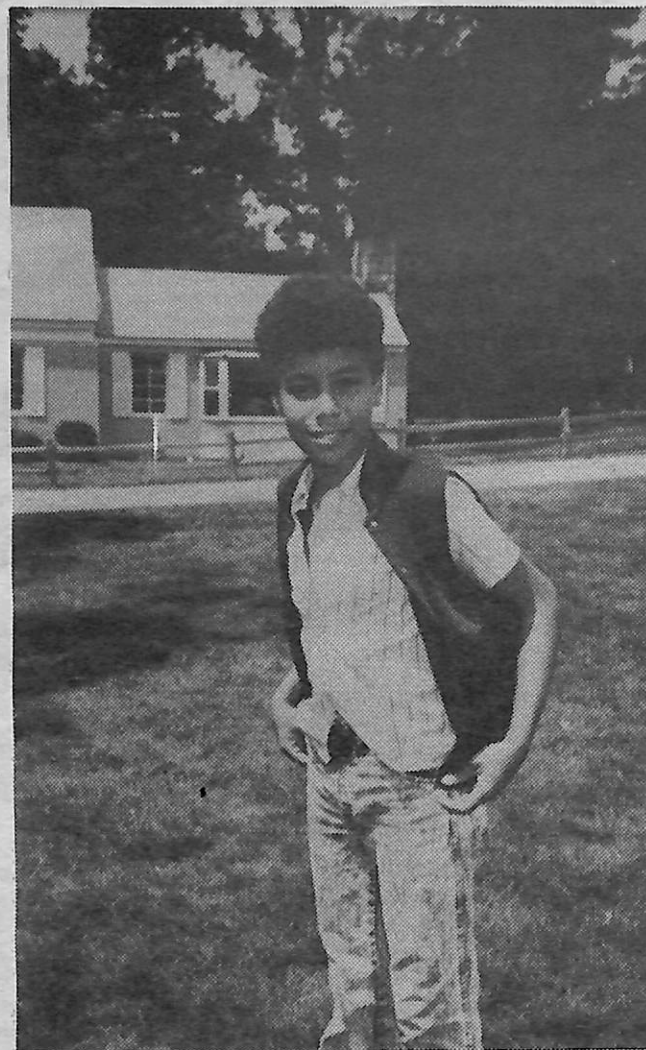
Wash, trim and separate or cut broccoli and cauliflower into large equal size flowerettes. Wash pepper and cut into ½" x 2" pieces after removing seeds and stem. Steam broccoli and cauliflower separately until barely tender. At the same time blanch red pepper in boiling water (cook 1-2 minutes and drain). Gently combine vegetables in large heated bowl or casserole. Salt lightly; drizzle with melted butter.

Chived Carrots And Mushrooms

- 2 pounds carrots
- 1½ cups water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups quartered or sliced mushrooms
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- ¼ cup sherry
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

Peel carrots and cut into 2 inch strips. Cook in water with salt and pepper until tender; about 18 to 20 minutes. Drain.

Meanwhile-saute mushrooms in butter for 3 minutes or until tender. Stir mushrooms and pan drippings into carrots. Add sherry and chives and cook 2 minutes longer.



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Spiritual Visits Turn Rather Nasty For Local Family

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry again are reporting on the traumas of a local family who are reportedly being visited by spirits. The family called in an expert on psychic as well as the parish priest who blessed each and every room of the household.

Without doubt our readers will recall that just prior to the three-part series dealing with the **H. Porter Distillery**, we had professed knowledge of still another haunted house within the confines of Feeding Hills Village. Before publication of our rather lengthy article on Hannah Kent Bodurtha starting next, we offer a brief follow-up to another story.

Strangely enough, that very day when we thought it impossible to provide a short story for a week's duration, we received another call from the local resident informing us of a haunting.

As our readers are aware, we did not wish to disclose the informant's name or location for obvious reasons, thereafter referring to her family with the pseudonym of "Jones!"

We had not heard from Mrs. Jones following her initial disclosure. At that time, as the story goes, the Jones family had experienced several strange phenomenon and spiritual visitations since their moving into a new home.

Airman Paula J. Hackett Starts Duty In Florida

Air Force Airman Paula J. Hackett, daughter of Betty A. & John Hackett of Rural Route 1, Port Trevorton, Pennsylvania, has arrived for duty at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

Airman Hackett is a chapel management specialist with the 6550th Air Base Group.

Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Almon T. Carpenter of 73 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills.

She is a 1984 graduate of Selinsgrove Area High School, Pennsylvania.

The facts, being what they were, led us to believe that these occurrences might very well be related to the historic past of our native inhabitants. Certainly (at the time) there was reason to suppose that the unseen forces had intended little else than a trying time for the nerves of the house's occupants. Indeed, after contacting a well-known local psychic, we felt more at ease in that she had informed us there seemed no apparent ill-intent upon the Jones family, apart from being a nuisance!

Whatever the circumstances in the past, it now appears that with the onset of the holiday season, things certainly changed for the worse.

The Beginning Of A Frightening Experience

When the Jones family first began to experience these strange occurrences, they had little to fear other than their inability to account for what was happening. In time, the members of the family seemed to accept the phenomenon as bizarre, but not anything physically detrimental to them or their possessions. In this respect, they were able to maintain a sense of mental stability.

As Thanksgiving approached, the seriousness of their predicament became more and more a reality. Mrs. Jones began to notice a change in temperament among the family members (who had always been complacent and even tempered). Even the family pets seemed to have developed a sense of impending danger by becoming restless and out of sorts!

In the words of Mrs. Jones: "...the cats had a look of terror and began bumping into things, while the dog seemed scared out of his wits!"

The house became an active media for strange phenomenon such as having cold spots and hot spots where they had never before occurred.

In one such incident, Mrs. Jones recalled that as she entered her daughter's bedroom doorway, she was enveloped by a tremendous rise in temperature that suddenly changed to a bone chilling cold upon entering the room.

Mrs. Jones further stated that members of the family were having difficulty in sleeping and she developed a sense of terror standing at the top of the cellar stairs. Since the washing machine was located in the cellar, she had little choice but to make daily trips into the area. A bone chilling coldness would envelop her, creating a sense of extreme fear. Finally, it reached the point where Mrs. Jones refused to enter the cellar area without her husband being close at hand.

Help Is Finally Sought

As the situation intensified, Mrs. Jones decided to contact a local authority on psychic matters (the very

Agawam Baptist Church Sets Ham & Bean Supper Jan. 14

The Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, will hold their Family Style Ham and Bean Supper, Saturday, January 14th, with two serving times at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, tee.

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person whom we had contacted).

According to Mrs. Jones, as she explained the situation to the psychic, the latter even then sensed a strong feeling of a malevolent force within the Jones household!

Fear Intensifies

Apparently, Mrs. Jones' attempt to seek outside assistance was not well-received by the now hidden force(s) as matters within the Jones' household increased to further fear. One day, while having tea with a friend, in the kitchen, one of the family cats suddenly was swept through the hallway only to slam into the door. This manifestation was followed by still the second cat also seemingly tossed through the hall, again hitting the door. According to Mrs. Jones, "the cats were airborne!"

At this point in time the frightened woman contacted her local clergyman asking for advice and help!

Blessing Of The House

The night before the arrival of the priest, Mrs. Jones felt an intensification of fear and dread. "Doors that had been closed were found opened, while doors that had been left opened were found closed. That evening as the rest of the family slept, Mrs. Jones was awakened by an unseen presence sitting on the bed beside her. She heard a deep voice speaking to her, saying that the 'minister was evil'."

The terrified woman attempted to waken her husband to no effect. He seemed lost in a profound sleep, unconscious of her pleadings. There was a constant feeling of someone unseen watching her!

The next day the priest, in the accompaniment of a well-known authority on such matters, commenced to bless every room in the Jones' house. Both men exclaimed that they sensed a malevolent force. Even while the rites were being performed, the distraught woman continued to sense an unseen presence.

In The Aftermath Of Terror

It was following the house's blessing that Mrs. Jones once again contacted us to bring us up-to-date on the situation. At this time we are happy to say that according to the frightened women's comments, things at home seemed to change back to a more normal circumstance.

Apparently, the bone-chilling coldness has left the premises and their young daughter no longer has nightmares, nor does she sleepwalk or see people in her room. The entire family is sleeping through the night since the blessing.

On behalf of all of our readers, we are confident that each and every one of the village and town residents hope that peace has come to the Jones' family. At this time of the New Year, we extend a sincere wish for a happy and healthy 1989.

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FIRE-WISE - by Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks **Some New Year's Resolutions Can Save Your Life!**

About this time every year people feel obliged to make resolutions—ways they pledge to reform in the new year.

More than 6,000 Americans will die in home fires during the new year—one death every 90 minutes. Most of them will die because they weren't prepared. They don't take the time to prevent fire and they didn't learn how to save themselves and their families in case of fire. Don't become one of those statistics.

Make and practice a fire escape plan for your home. Be sure each family member knows at least two different ways to escape in case one way is blocked by fire. And set a meeting place so you'll know everyone is out safely. Don't plan to call the fire department before you escape—go next door after you're all safely outside. And never go back inside once you're safely out—not for any reason.

Install, maintain, and test smoke detectors in your home. Even if you're renting your home or apartment, buy some if they're not already in place. Smoke detectors now cost less than a couple of movie tickets, so there's no need to wait. If you now have only one detector, get more for other parts of your house. Place them so they protect you from fires that start in the base-

ment, garage or other storage area. If your detectors are wired into the electric system, get battery-operated detectors for back-up in case the power goes out.

Check your home for common fire hazards. You've known them since you were in grade school, but you probably have some in your house just the same. That's why they're called "common" hazards. Make it a family project to get your home ship shape today. Don't give fire a place to start.

Own and know how to operate portable fire extinguishers. One in the kitchen is most important because so many fires start there. Garages and basements are good places for extra extinguishers. And don't wait for a fire to learn how to use it—that's too late.

And fix up your fire-risk habits. Do you smoke in bed, or even in a comfortable sofa or chair that might lull you to sleep? Are your ashtrays tip-resistant? Do you sometimes forget to close the fireplace screen? Think about what you do. Are you always careful about fire?

The Agawam Fire Department will be glad to help with your fire safety resolutions for the new year. We want you around next year to make a new set of resolutions.

Airman Barbara A. Moreau Arrives At Kirkland AF Base

Air Force Airman Barbara A. Moreau, daughter of Marguerite P. & Raymond R. Moreau of 1245 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, has arrived for duty at Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Airman Moreau is an administration specialist with the 1960th Communications Squadron, having graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Graduates of the six-week course learned how to prepare Air Force correspondence and reports, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

Tech. Sgt. Mitchell R. Soffen At Scott Air Force Base

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mitchell R. Soffen, son of Fredrick M. & Hazel M. Soffen of 66 Cooper Street, Agawam, has arrived for duty at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

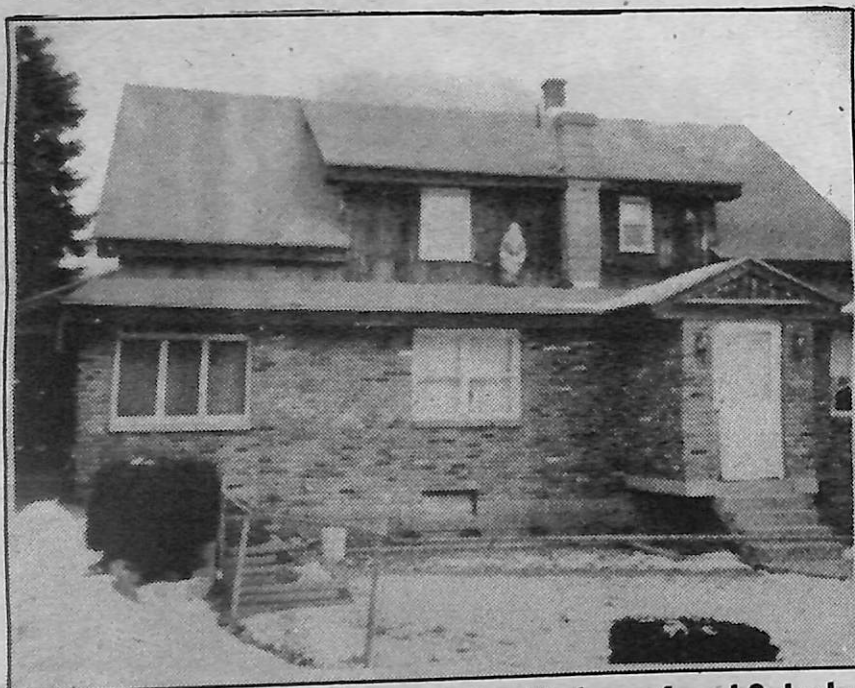
Soffen is a communications-computer systems programming technician with the Headquarters Airlift Communications Division.

His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Lynda L. Johnson of 320 Barea Forest Circle, Greenville, South Carolina.

He is a 1972 graduate of Agawam High School. The sergeant received an associate degree in 1984 from the Community College of the Air Force.

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The sanctuary will be open to the public on Martin Luther King's Birthday, Monday, January 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A special holiday program for families, "Winter Wildlife," is offered at 2:00 p.m. Find out how New England's wildlife copes with the rigors of winter. Search the woods for signs of wildlife and discover how one of our resident animals spends this chilly time. The program is included in the price of sanctuary admission.

Visitors can also observe native New England wildlife along the Crooked Little Path and Animal Loop, as well as explore scenic walking trails which wind through field, forest, and along the stream. The Audubon Shop, currently located in the historic Storyteller's House, is open from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors and children, ages three to 16. Children under three are admitted free. For more information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

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Thursday, January 12th
Graduation Ceremony for D.A.R.E.
Agawam Middle School
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 12th
PTSO Meeting
Agawam High Cafeteria
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 14th
Ham & Bean Supper
Agawam Baptist Church
4:45 & 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 21st
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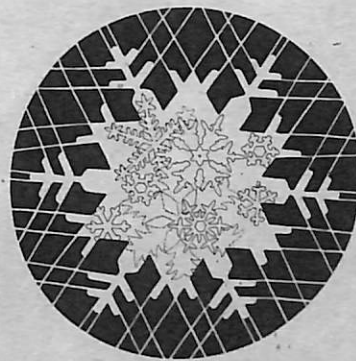


BEFORE MAKING HIS APPOINTED ROUNDS on Christmas Eve, Santa Claus leaves off gifts with a child at the Springfield Shriners Hospital. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS and Elves, including Officer Donald Gallerani, Officer Joe Dymon, Elf Michael Rieger, Elf Joe Dymon, Lt. Robert Campbell, Officer Mark Poggi, Santa, and patients. photo by Jack Devine.

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SANTA CLAUS asks for help with this large package he was about to deliver at the Springfield Shriners Hospital. He was assisted by Agawam Police Association President Robert Campbell and a nurse's representative (right) from the hospital. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OFFICER JOE DYMON of the Agawam Police Association, along with elves, Michael Rieger and Carrie Ann Dymon, visit with patients at Springfield's Shriners Hospital.



SANTA'S ELVES, Michael Rieger and Carrie Ann Dymon, brought plenty of holiday cheer to the patients at Springfield's Shriners Hospital with the assistance of Lt. Robert Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Elf Carrie Ann
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ANOTHER SMILING CHILD receives a cherished present from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam Police Association assists Santa's
nn Dymon, in presenting a doll to one of the pa-
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AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION PRESI-
DENT, Lt. Robert Campbell (right), and Officer
Joe Damon, assist young patient at Springfield
Shriners Hospital with opening the gifts dropped-
off by Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. The
Agawam Police Association helped to sponsor
Santa's visit to the Shriners' children to cheer
them during the recent holiday season. Advertiser News
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OFFICER JOE DYMON of the Agawam Police Association assists Santa's
elves, Michael Reiger and Carrie Ann Dymon, in presenting a doll to one of the pa-
tients at Springfield's Shriners Hospital. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Agawam Obituaries

Evelyn F. Blair

Evelyn F. (Petithory) Blair, 85, of 93 Line Street, Feeding Hills, a former 20-year cook at Riverside Park, died in a local nursing home. She previously worked for 15 years for Howard Johnson's Restaurants.

Born in Southwick, she lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Eagles Lodge 148. Her husband, Ernest "Homer" Blair, died in 1963, and her son, Norman, in 1979.

She leaves two sons, Ernest and Eugene, both of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Viola Massoia of Feeding Hills; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Permanent Firefighters Ambulance Fund, in care of Kenneth Blair, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Edgar C. Boussy

Edgar C. Boussy, 80, of 55 Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, a retired foreman at the former Wico Electric Company, West Springfield, died in a local nursing home. He worked for the company 30 years and retired in 1965.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Feeding Hills 42 years. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Westfield Moose Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Eva "Peg" Rote.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Robert P. Cole Jr.

Robert P. Cole Jr., 44, of Agawam, a civil engineer for an Agawam landscaping company, died at home.

Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, he lived in the Agawam and Springfield areas for five years. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, and received several citations. He was a member of Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel, New York.

He leaves two sons, Robert W. and Jonathan, both of Collinsville, Connecticut; his father and stepmother, Robert P. and Nancy Cole of Carmel; a brother, Alan W. of Miamisburg, Ohio, and a sister, Janet Lamb of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The funeral was at Cargain Funeral Home, with burial in Raymond Hill Cemetery, both in Carmel.

Anthony Ferraiolo

Anthony Ferraiolo of 104 Red Fox Drive, Feeding Hills, died December 20th, 1988 in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in East Haven, Connecticut, he lived in Feeding Hills for the past 15 years.

He was a former Agawam Auxiliary Police Officer and was also a town constable.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary-Lou Cowan, two sons, Anthony of New Haven, Connecticut, and Joseph of East Haven; five daughters, Cynthia Morin of Wilbraham; Donna Ferraiolo and Tami Ann Ferraiolo at home; Mary Ann Salemi of East Haven, and Rose Marie Shroeder of Branford, Connecticut; two brothers, Frank of East Haven and Louie of New York; three sisters, Pauline Anastacie and Christine Maio of East Haven, and Ann Moylan of California; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Agawam Permanent Firefighters Ambulance Fund, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Marjorie B. Goodhind

Marjorie B. Goodhind, wife of the late Malcolm R. Goodhind who died in 1976, died December 15th, 1988 in the long-term care unit of Martha's Vineyard Hospital. They purchased a house in Eastville and in 1967 made it their year-round home. She was formerly employed in the town hall at Oak Bluffs and at the W.S. Brown Insurance Agency of Oak Bluffs.

She was born in Springfield on June 23rd, 1915, daughter of the late Walter & Sadie (Cutting) Bryant. She was educated in the Agawam schools and had lived here until moving to the Island. Prior to coming to Martha's Vineyard, she was a proofreader at Trade Composition in Springfield.

While in Agawam she was a member of the Agawam Women's Club and she was an active member of the Agawam Baptist Church where she participated in the Over 60 Group, the Mr. & Mrs. Club, and the choir.

She is survived by two cousins, Ruth Heckman of Framingham and Ronald Ham of Sudbury.

A graveside service was held December 20th in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Oak Bluffs with the Reverend Peter Sanborn officiating. Memorial gifts to the Agawam Baptist Church will be appreciated.

Ernest J. Ladner

Ernest J. Ladner, 79, of 45 Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, the retired 16-year owner of the former Knox Street Market, died in a local nursing home. He previously worked at Boston Sea Food and as a manager of the Mohican Markets in Springfield and Holyoke.

Born in Bay St. Louis, Missouri, he lived in Feeding Hills for 20 years. He was a member of the Agawam Senior Center and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Alacoque Moriarty; a son, David of Rochester, New Hampshire; four daughters, Mary Gamache of Windsor Locks, Irene Boulais of South Hadley, Carol Corkum of Hartford, and Kathleen Douglas of Springfield; a sister, Edith Chevis of Bay St. Louis; 19 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Arthur J. Levesque

Arthur J. Levesque, 85, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, a retired security guard for the former Springfield Rendering Manufacturing Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Chelmsford, he lived in Springfield for 34 years, and moved to Agawam earlier this year. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church, Springfield. He was the husband of the late Bernadette Levesque.

He leaves three sons, Roger and Ernest of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Romeo of Hudson, New Hampshire; two daughters, Shirley Levesque of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Doris McCrea of Rochester, New Hampshire; a sister, Dora Goulet of Mount Holly, New Jersey, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at St. Pierre Funeral Home, Springfield, and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 82 Howard Street, Springfield, MA, 01105.

Katherine M. Lynch

Katherine M. Lynch, 82, formerly of Jamestown Road, Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She was a former 15-year employee of the Department of Streets and Engineering, Springfield, retiring in 1962.

Born in Wilbraham, she was a longtime resident of Springfield. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. She was a graduate of Cathedral High School, and the former Bay Path Institute, now Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow. After retiring she moved to Florida, returning to Springfield in 1981.

She leaves two sisters, Hazel C. Manning of Springfield, and Margaret M. O'Dea of Springfield.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. T.P. Sampson Company, Liberty Street Parlors, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund, Mont Marie, Holyoke, MA, 01040.

Marguerite A. McGuan

Marguerite A. McGuan, 79, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. She was a former clerk of Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Born in Springfield, she lived most of her life in Springfield, moving to Agawam only recently. She was a communicant of Holy Name Church, and a former member of the Catholic Women's Club.

She leaves several cousins.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Hafey Springfield Chapels was in charge.

Helen Perreault

Helen (Toper) Perreault, 66, of 48 Raymond Circle, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, she was a 17-year resident of Agawam. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She was a 1940 graduate of Chicopee High School, and had attended American International College. She was a member of the Agawam Repertory Theater, and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Agawam Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1632.

She leaves her husband, Theodore A. Perreault; two daughters, Susan Fitzgerald of Springfield, and Marilyn Perreault of Agawam; three sisters, Adele Bissett of Naples, Florida, Mary Manchuk of Webster, and Julie Giroux of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

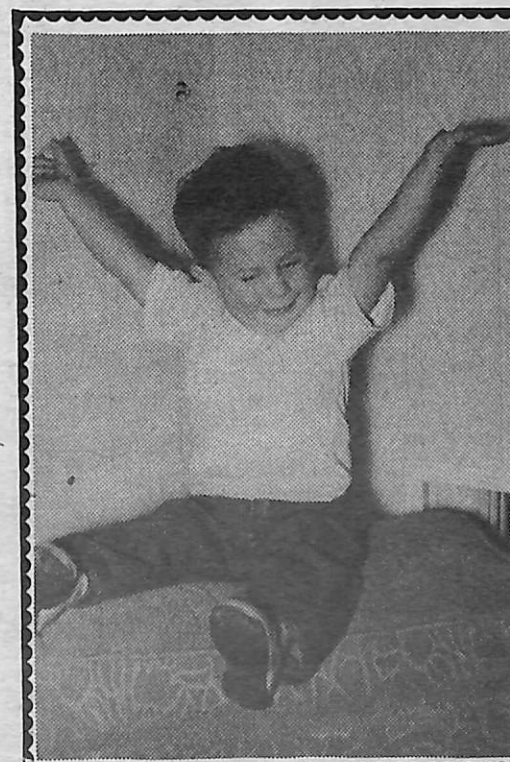
Maria A. Rossi

Maria Adelina (Lefemine) Rossi, 86, formerly of 45 Cleveland Street, Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Turi, Italy, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 37 years ago. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its Rosary Altar Society, the Agawam Senior Center, and the Golden Agers. Her husband, Vita D. Rossi, died in 1968.

She leaves a son, Vita A. of Agawam; a sister in Italy, and a granddaughter.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.



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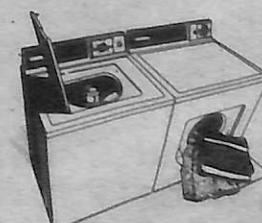
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Heritage Hall News, Activities, & Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK Ferruccio Vedani

Ferruccio Vedani was born in 1898 and educated in Stradella, Italy, a city in the Po River Valley. He emigrated with his brother, Renzo, to Springfield in 1921, and soon thereafter he became a machinist at Van Norman Machine Tool Company, a trade he learned at the Fiat Company in Turin, Italy. He eventually became general foreman at the company.

Ferruccio moved to Agawam in 1931 and has lived here ever since. He is a charter member of the Italian Athletic Club and was a soccer player for the club in Springfield's soccer league. He is also a charter member of the Agawam Sportsman's Club and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is a member of the Roswell Lee Lodge. His family includes his niece, Teresa Kozloski, and her family in Agawam.

A Christmas Message

Tracy Pass keeps the spirit of Christmas alive year round using her nursing skills, caring for the residents in her charge. In this Holy Season, Tracy was joined by her father-in-law, Pastor Eugene Pass, and members of the Enfield Assembly of God Church.

The children sang hymns and carols for the residents, closing with "Silent Night." Pastor Pass delivered a seasonal homily, followed by a carol sing-along.

This warm and friendly group not only fed our Christmas spirit, but also gave us yummy, homebaked peanut butter cookies.

We were in their thoughts long before they were in our home. We will keep them in our prayers and look forward to their return next Christmas.

Good Luck, Good Friend

Reverend Floyd Bryan, pastor of Agawam Congregational Church, has been the Protestant chaplain at Heritage Hall Nursing Homes since December 1968. He has been a part of Heritage Hall's growth from a single, 82-bed facility to its present campus of four buildings.

Through the years of physical progress, Reverend Bryan has nurtured our spiritual growth. Many lives have been touched by his services.

The announcement of his retirement was met with mixed emotions. Our heartfelt wishes for a long and healthy retirement are mingled with a strong sense of loss.

Anne Cambell, president of the Resident Council, presented Reverend Bryan with a framed poem entitled, "Friendship" which expressed all our feelings for him.



FERRUCCIO VEDANI
"Resident of the Week"

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Agawam Senior Center Calendar Of Events

January 6th, Friday: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Diabetic Screening, by appointment.

January 10th, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. (new) Creative Writing class begins, Virginia Alexander.

January 16th, Monday: Senior Center closed, Martin Luther King Day.

January 17th, Tuesday: Blood pressure clinic, M-Z.

January 17th, Tuesday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., SHINE assistance, by appointment.

January 24th, Tuesday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Jansons.

January 31st, Tuesday: This is the last day for the first semester.

Bingo every Saturday night, doors open at 5:15 p.m., kitchen opens at 5:45 p.m., Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m., 25 cents per card.

TRIP:

January 26th, Thursday: Coachlight Dinner Theatre, matinee. The show is "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." The price per person is \$28.

CLASSES:

February 1st, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., class registrations for second semester.

February 2nd, Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., class registrations for second semester.

February 6th, Monday: All classes begin the second semester.

Saturday Shopping Trips For January

January 7th: Holyoke Mall and the Westfield Shops

January 17th: Eastfield Mall and Springfield Plaza

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SENIOR CENTER - From Page 19...

January 21st: Holyoke Mall and Westfield Shops

January 28th: Eastfield Mall and Springfield Plaza

One day notice is required for reservations. Departure time is 9:00 a.m. Pick-up points are: Senior Center-Lobby; Colonial Haven-Activities Room; Countryview-door-to-door pick-up; Danahy Schoolhouse-reception area. **From Friends**

"Friends of the Agawam Senior Center" Board of Directors and officers welcome the following new members for 1989 and thank them for their support: **Gladys Belcher, George Lavoie, Raymond Letendre, Henriette Monette, Jeannette McCave, Margaret B. McComb, Priscilla M. Magagnoli, Rose M. Mezzette, Alex Moodie, Priscilla D. Peterson, Helene Petty, Raymond Petty, Irene A. Pike, Elizabeth Pond, Sam Provo.**

Friends memberships are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth or through a member of the board: **Helen Blanchard, Lillian Doyle, Laura Dugan, Hazel French, Barbara Gingras, Grace Letendre, Sandra Smith, Viola Smith, Don McCave, Jim Griffin.**

Individual memberships are \$3 and corporation memberships are \$15. All donations and membership fees are a means of support and help to continue the work of service and assistance provided by "Friends" to Agawam senior citizens.

Fascinating Photo Display Now On View At Historic Museum

Hartford: "Many of these photographs have rarely been seen, and some have never been viewed by the general public before," said State Archivist Mark Jones, as he described Connecticut Public Works—A Pictorial Sampler, currently on display in the Connecticut State Library's Raymond E. Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History and Heritage, at 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. The show continues through August of 1989—the Year of the Library in Connecticut.

The fascinating display provides visual evidence that the State of Connecticut's Departments of Public Works and Transportation tried to deliver state services in functional structures, provided aesthetic surroundings for the delivery of those services, erected a modern infrastructure for the automobile-based society, and carefully preserved unique images of our state's heroes and folklore for study and enjoyment by future generations of state residents.

The photographs shown include many construction

views of the State Library, State Capitol, State Armory, State Office Building, Legislative Office Building, prisons, hospitals, sanitariums, colleges, roads, bridges, state-sponsored sculpture, exposition buildings, and many other public works projects, plus demolition of the old statehouse on the New Haven Green.

The State Museum is open, with free admission, from Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; and on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Ongoing exhibits include the Royal Charter of 1662, the Colt Firearms Collection, and portraits of this state's governors in Memorial Hall.

"Connecticut Public Works—A Pictorial Sampler is vibrant history which will appeal to viewers of every age," said State Librarian Richard Akeroyd. A visit to the official State Museum is just one of the many ways Connecticut's citizens can participate in the Year of the Library.

For all the local news, townsfolk turn our pages every week. Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. If we can be of help, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Our office opens at 6:30 a.m. Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice if you wish for him to take a photo at your event. For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack at his home, 789-0053.

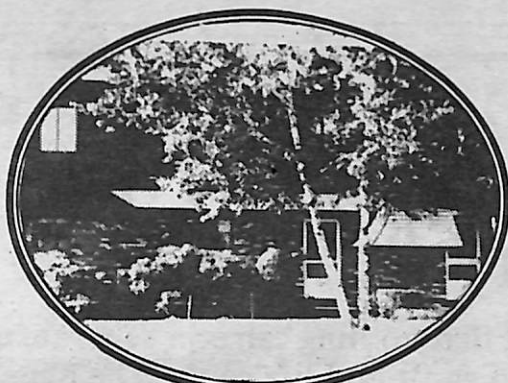


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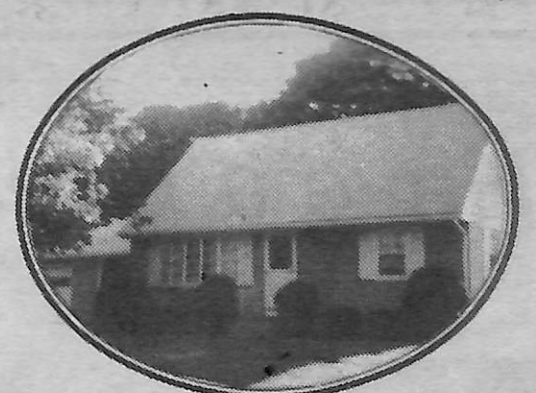
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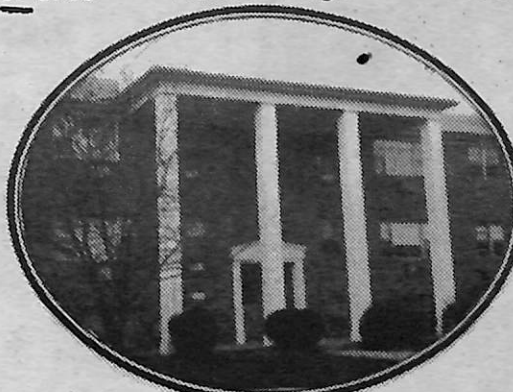
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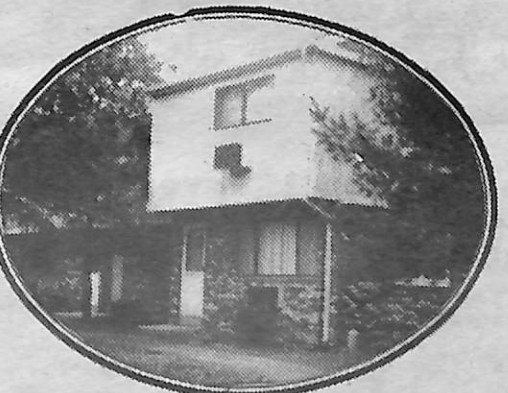
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Spotlight On Business...

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by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

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That's what JoAnn Wayte is doing at her Springfield Street shop, **Picture Hang-Ups**.

This Feeding Hills businesswoman has rebuilt her business following a disastrous fire at that location in September 1986. After seven months of reconstruction and restocking of her gallery and collectibles, she reopened for business last spring with astounding support from long-time customers and the local business community.

Her walls are filled with pictures, with themes ranging from tranquil land and seascapes to nostalgic children's portraits reminiscent of Collier's and the old Ladies Home Journal. But alongside all of it are Mickey Mouse mementoes and country-style wooden wall hangings, and even a wooden "perpetual" calendar in softest pastels.

In addition to the wall hangings, JoAnn offers her customers a wide selection of collectibles from ceramic and porcelain geese, to brass accessories (including hard to find switchplates). She markets hand-painted sweatshirts, unusual clay cookie molds, Coca-Cola wagons, exquisite quilts and specializes in children's decor.

She also carries plush toys, including applause-stuffed animals and Precious Moments dolls. There's no charge for layaways or gift wrapping either.

JoAnn will expand her merchandise to include country furniture in the spring.

Located at 778 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, **Picture Hang-Ups** is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesday and Thursday until 6:30 p.m. She is also open Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Phone inquiries can be made by dialing 786-3661.

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Sylvia H. Foster of Lewis & Arnold, Inc., Realtors, has been awarded the Residential Sales Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, affiliated with the National Association of Realtors.

The award was announced during the Council and Marketing Institute meetings held in San Francisco, California, at their midyear meeting held November 10th to 15th.

The nationally recognized CRS designation is a symbol of excellence in residential sales. Those receiving the CRS must complete the required Residential Sales courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and must demonstrate expertise in applied residential marketing. The more than 18,000 individuals now recognized as Certified Residential Specialists benefit by a greater awareness of the latest sales methods. They are better able to serve clients and represent properties professionally. Only 1 percent of realtors in the United States have received the honor of being a CRS.

Ms. Foster is manager of Lewis & Arnold's Westfield Office. She is a former district sales manager for Avon Products, Inc. Feel free to call Sylvia for any of your real estate needs at our Westfield office, 562-8401, or at home, 1-203-745-6030.



SYLVIA FOSTER

Police Chief Chmielewski Reelected Association Pres.

Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski was unanimously reelected to serve his second term as president of the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, at the meeting of the association held in Hampden.

Other officers elected were: Vice President Chief Robert Redfern, Easthampton Police Department; 2nd Vice President Chief Edward Finnegan, Lee Police Department; Secretary Chief George Stone, Hampden Police Department; Treasurer Chief Louis Barry, Granby Police Department.

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This issue is a difficult one for schools and parents. I know you feel that schools and parents can effectively work together if parents trust school personnel. Our school has done a really fine job in bringing in two speakers to present to parents, teachers, etc., much information on developmental issues with young children and how to make the best decisions possible at the time. The time of the year is rapidly approaching where certain children will be identified to be "at risk" for September '89 school placement. It is professionals like you who can continue to provide the educational community with information and knowledge in this high stress area for schools, parents and children. Have a happy New Year!

"Grateful Twosome," Feeding Hills

Hampden County Sheriff Seeks Qualified Nurses

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by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro
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Root caries is another type of decay common among older people. This decay often is caused when diseased gums recede, exposing the root surface. It's estimated that 60 percent of people in their fifties and 70 percent of those over 60 have root caries.

Many root caries and cavities around fillings could be prevented with proper self-care and regular dental checkups. The sooner gum problems are treated and daily care initiated, the less likelihood that gums will recede and lead to root caries.

Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Phone: 786-8177.

ANSWER:

DEAR GRATEFUL TWOSOME: I am very gratified to hear that your stress levels have decreased since we met. The issue of "what grade level/class placement" is best for my child becomes an extremely important issue for all children, regardless of age. It takes on an even more vital meaning in many respects for young children (ages 4, 5, 6, 7) whose parents and teachers want to insure as much social, emotional, and academic success as possible for a particular child.

Both parents and school personnel need to continue to communicate about the needs of the child from each of their perspectives. An important point to remember in this "dialogue" is that opinions are just that—opinions only! No one is initially right or wrong! After these opinions/viewpoints are allowed to be shared, then a well thought-out decision on grade/program placement can better be made. All attempts should continue to be made to avoid confrontation and "control battles" between parents and schools. Solid, reliable test data needs to also be incorporated into the decision making process to give a good handle on actual social, emotional, and academic "levels."

I speak to districts and parent groups on this topic and others quite often and I am usually impressed with the genuine caring for the child by both school and parent. What we are also saying is that trust builds commitment! Thanks for the great letter and I'm sure our readers will benefit!

Stress Check: A service to AAN readers. (1) Dr. Sobel's *Relaxation Tape* (two sides) available for \$10 - sells for much more in stores. If you want the tape, send \$10, payable to Dr. Sobel to: Dr. Sobel, c/o The New England Institute For Stress Management, 322 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01105, or call 785-1259. (2) Dr. Sobel's seminar/presentation schedule is shaping up for January to June of '89. Call 785-1259 if you'd like to find out more about the specific programs for schools, parent groups, etc.

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Support Group Set For Adult Children Of Alcoholics

Did you grow up in a family where one or both of your parents were alcoholic? If yes, then you may share many common experiences and relationship issues with other people who grew up in a similar situation.

The Agawam Counseling Center is now forming a support group for Adult Children of Alcoholics. The purpose of the group is to gain greater insight into how one's family of origin has impacted upon them through their childhood and as adults. Relevant topics and issues will be determined by the needs of the group members with additional information to be provided by the facilitator.

The support group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It started January 3rd. This is a time limited group and will run for 20 sessions and will be limited to a maximum of seven members.

If you are interested in this group or know of someone who would be, then please contact Dan Plotkin at the Agawam Counseling Center, 786-6410.

Support Group Set At Baystate Medical Center

The next support group meeting for parents of emotionally troubled children or adolescents will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m., at Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Memorial Division, 140 High Street, Springfield.

Debby Crane of the Federation for Children from Westfield will be speaking briefly about the Federation, its work and goals.

For more information, please call Pat Rogowski of Baystate, 784-3861, or Ruth Stein of AMI, 786-9139.



Arts

Springfield Symphony To Perform *Elijah*; Monumental Masterpiece Of Mendelssohn's

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Symphony Chorus, and selected guest artists under the direction of Music Director Raymond Harvey will perform Mendelssohn's monumental masterpiece, *Elijah*, on January 14th, in Symphony Hall. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m., and is sponsored by *The Springfield Newspapers*.

One of the most dramatic choral works ever written, *Elijah* contains some of Mendelssohn's loftiest melodic work including "If With All Your Heart," "It is Enough," and "O Rest in the Lord." This oratorio is divided into two sections. In the first, Elijah brings on the drought in Israel because the people have proved false to God. In the second, his enemies seek to destroy him. In the end, he is protected by God and led to heaven in a flaming chariot.

Baritone Ben Holt will sing the role of *Elijah*. A native of Washington, D.C., Holt made his Metropolitan Opera debut in the 1985-86 season in their production of *La Boheme*. Last fall he made his highly acclaimed New York City Opera debut in the title role of Anthony Davis' *Malcolm X*. His other engagements have included appearances with the New York Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony, the Knoxville Symphony, and the Chamber Society of New York. Holt attended Oberlin Conservatory and was a scholarship recipient at the Julliard School.

Other featured artists for this performance include soprano Teresa Cahill, alto Melisa Thorburn, tenor Rodney Nolan, and treble Margaret Hunter.

Ms. Cahill, a native of London, England is a graduate of Guildhall School of Music and the London Opera Center. Since her 1970 debut at the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden, Teresa Cahill has appeared in well over 100 performances in a variety of roles. She has performed with every major British orchestra and is regularly featured on BBC Radio and TV. Ms. Cahill

has toured extensively in the United States including concert engagements with the Chicago Symphony, the Boston Symphony, and the Houston Symphony.

Alto Melissa Thorburn was the first prize winner of the Metropolitan Opera New England Regional Auditions and was engaged for their 1987-88 season. In addition, Ms. Thorburn was the recipient of the 1986 Liederkrantz Foundation Competition. Her many engagements have included *Messiah* with the Philadelphia Orchestra, *L'Enfance du Christ* with the Seattle Symphony, and Mozart's *C Minor Mass* with the Williams Choral Society.

American lyric tenor Rodney Nolan has established an outstanding reputation as an oratorio singer in addition to receiving wide acclaim for his operatic performances. Nolan has appeared in Europe in the Florence May Festival, the Holland Festival, and with the Munich Philharmonic. In this country, Nolan has performed with the National Symphony, the New York Y Chamber Symphony, the Minnesota Orchestra, and many others.

Treble Margaret Hunter sings in the Mount Holyoke Children's Choir, under the direction of Cathy Melhorn. This talented 10 year-old is a resident of Leeds, Massachusetts, and studies violin with SSO member Virginia Barron.

The January 14th performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* will be previewed on Sunday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Abbey Chapel at Mount Holyoke College. This special 90-minute preview will include discussion and excerpts from this magnificent oratorio by the Springfield Symphony Chorus and music director Raymond Harvey. The general admission cost is \$4.

This concert is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities.



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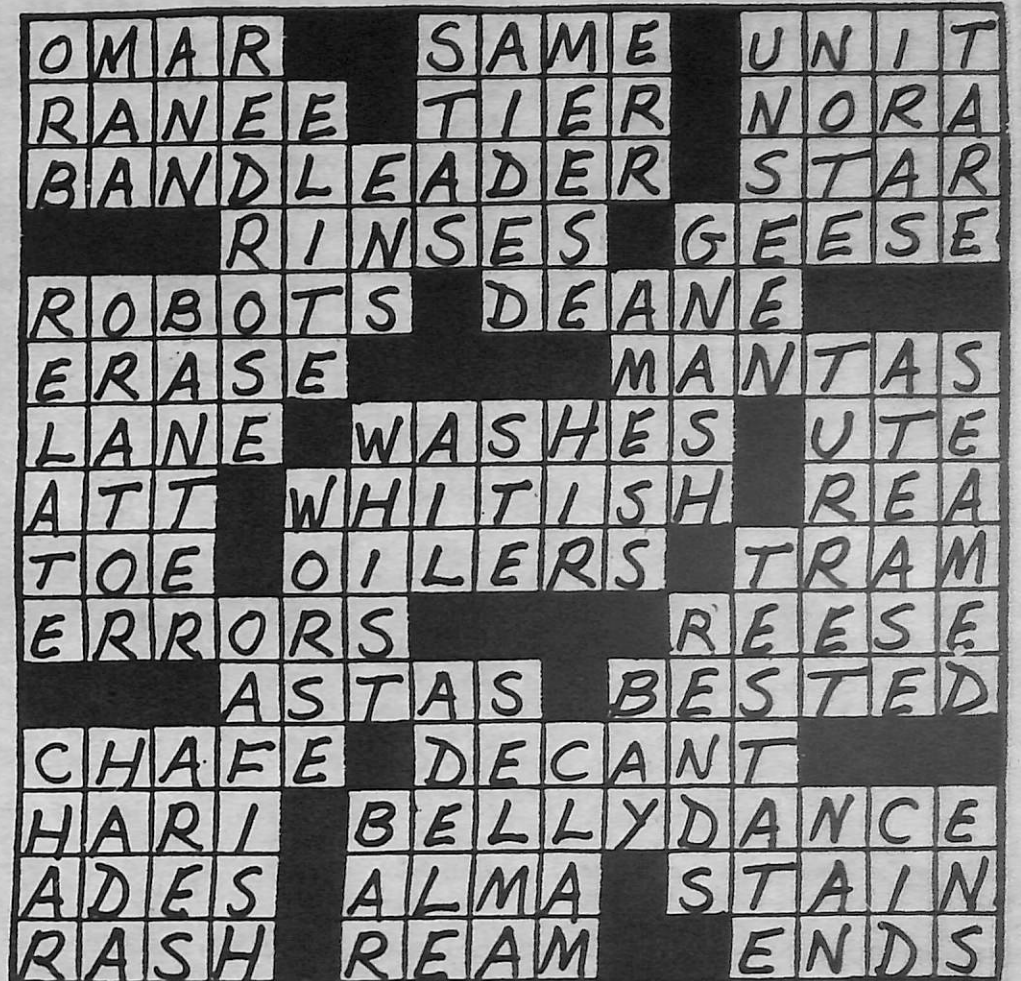
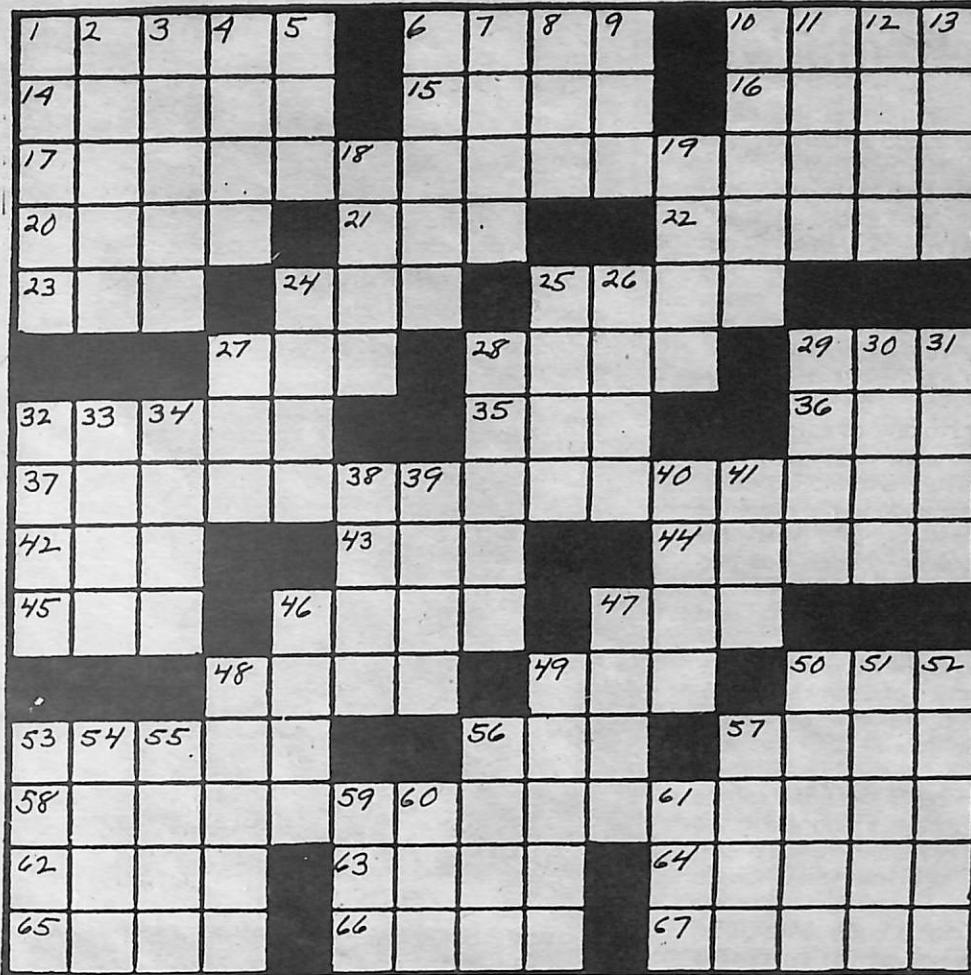
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Victorian Stenciling At Historic Museum

Curator of Education and early American decorative artist, Alice Smith, will teach a three-week course "Victorian Stenciling" beginning Wednesday, January 11th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Victorians decorated with a lavish hand and Victorian-era stenciling was more elaborate and ornate than that of an earlier period. In this three-week series, instructor Alice Smith, also a trustee and member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, will share her expertise in teaching participants how to accurately cut stencils and stencil samples of Victorian-style patterns. This course is offered in conjunction with the Historical Museum's exhibit, "Valley Victorians: Springfield Homes of the 19th Century," and is open to beginning level and experienced students.

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x-acto knife, pencil, notebook, glass for cutting surface, approximately 8" x 10", ruler, scissors, and paper towels.

The cost for this course is \$21 for members of the Springfield Library and Museums, and \$24 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required and should be received at least one week before the class begins. For more information and registration, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

LET'S TALK



REAL ESTATE



by Ralph Rachele

THE SOFT RESELL

Buyers of new homes find themselves in the enviable position of being able to decorate their abodes according to their personal taste. As these new homeowners go about selecting colors for kitchen cabinets and tile floors, they should bear in mind that these selections can affect the resale value of their homes. A new house will probably be sold within the decade. Statistics show that the average American family moves every five to seven years. On average, those families involved in job-transfer moves pick up their roots about every three years. Chances are that the colors and materials selected for a new home's decor now will be inherited by a subsequent owner in a relatively short number of years. This does not mean that bland paint and wallpaper must go into every room. Trendy black bathroom fixtures, however, may need further thinking.

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Painting Technique At Historic Museum

Marbleizing is a highly skilled painting technique used to simulate marble with paint. Curator of Education and early American decorative artist, Alice Smith, will demonstrate methods of paint application to achieve a variety of marble designs on Tuesday to Friday, January 24th to 27th, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum Education Center.

Ms. Smith will demonstrate several different stages of marbleizing the fireplaces in the Education Center's classrooms. This is an unusual opportunity to view marbleizing in progress and in a variety of stages from the preparation of the surface to the skilled finishing paint application. Ms. Smith will discuss the history of marbleizing and detail the step-by-step techniques she uses. The Education Center, which is now located in the Blake House, was built in 1839 for Springfield's Fire Chief Elijah Blake and the building still contains many of the original interior architectural details.

These demonstrations are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

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Dick Mastroianni's WORD GAME

HOUSEBREAKER

From above word make at least 22 five letter words. You may use only one form of a word. Example, arise or arose, not both. Do not add an "s" to a four letter word. Slang words not allowed. Answers next week.

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ANSWERS (last week's answers)

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Symphony Chorus In Preview Performance Jan. 8th

The Springfield Symphony Chorus will present a 90-minute preview performance of Mendelssohn's magnificent oratorio, *Elijah* on Sunday, January 8th, at 4:00 p.m. This short performance will take place in Abbey Chapel on the campus of Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley. General admission tickets to this event are \$4.

The 88 member Springfield Symphony Chorus will be accompanied by organist Lawrence Schipull and will perform the most famous passages of this immense choral work, including "O Rest In The Lord," "It is Enough," and "If With All Your Heart." They will be led by Music Director Raymond Harvey who will also offer his thoughts and insights on this choral work. "Elijah" is such an interesting work with a great deal to offer the listener. Instead of trying to condense the music and discussion into our usual Words on Music program offered in Symphony Hall, we decided to ex-

pand upon that concert to give our audience a more fulfilling experience," commented Maestro Harvey.

Abbey Chapel, on the campus of Mt. Holyoke College, has one of the largest organs in the area. This newly renovated organ, coupled with the chapel's excellent acoustics provides a perfect setting for this mini-performance. The full performance of *Elijah* will take place on Saturday, January 14th, at 8:00 p.m., in Symphony Hall and will feature the Springfield Symphony Chorus with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and guest artists Ben Holt, Teresa Cahill, Rodney Nolan, and Melissa Thorburn.

This concert is sponsored by *The Springfield Newspapers*. Ticket prices range from \$8-\$25. Funding for the performance is provided in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts & Humanities.

Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante
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JOTS FROM JULIE: A new grandson has arrived on the scene—Nicolas Brian Gendreau. Proud parents are Lori and Brian Gendreau of West Springfield. CONGRATULATIONS!! Word from Cancun since Hurricane Gilbert is that after working round-the-clock to get everything back in shape, the island is ready and better than ever before. Hotels have been renovated and Mother Nature has set about mending trees, flowers and beaches.

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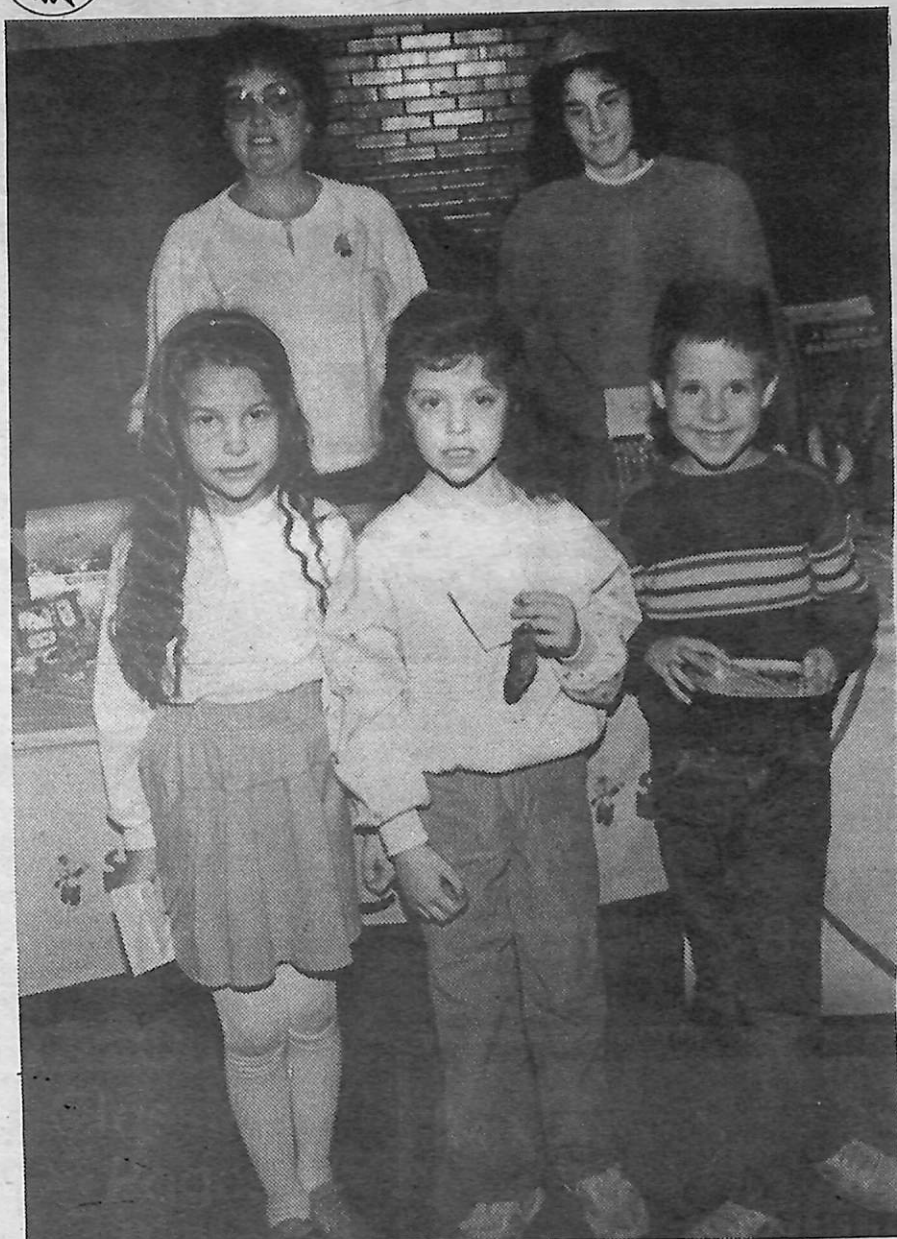
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Education



PHELPS SCHOOL PTO MEMBERS (back) Karen Johannessen and Sue Ellsworth assist students Nikki Megatulski, Bridget LaBonte, and Stephen Webster with their holiday gifts at Santa's Workshop on December 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PICTURED WITH SANTA CLAUS at Phelps School are students Milissa Parentela, Shannon Scarlet, and Tim Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas Events Highlight Holidays At Phelps Elementary School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Santa's Visit has become one of the highlights in the holiday season for the past few years at Phelps Elementary School. Sponsored by the Phelps PTO, each child at the school spends some precious moments with two special people, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and brings home a sampling of things to come.

Santa has a small gift for each child at Phelps and Mrs. Claus gives the children candy canes after they visit with the Clauses in Room 2.

PTO member Vicki Alfano said, "This year Santa will give the fourth grade boys a Nerf football or soccerball, and the fourth grade girls will receive a small jewelry box. He wants these children to feel a little special because they are the graduating class from Phelps this year."

Santa reminded the children not to take any candy or rides from strangers and asked the children some questions about the holidays.

The children quickly learned that one of Santa's favorite songs was done 'in-the-round' to the tune of "Are You Sleeping," when he divided up the room into two parts to sing:

*"Cheer up, cheer up. Cheer up, cheer up.
Smile a-while, smile a-while."*

*Merry, merry Christmas. Merry, merry Christmas.
HO! HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!"*

On December 19th, the Phelps children also held a Santa's Workshop to purchase gifts for their immediate families. PTO Chairwoman Grace Tilden said gift prices were subsidized by the PTO to keep costs to the children below \$4 for each gift (ranging from 50 cents

up). The auditorium was decorated by the PTO and many thanks go out to all the parents that assisted.

Music Instructor Margaret Bielin directed a special circle in the round performance at Phelps School on December 22nd, entitled "Sights and Sounds of the Season."

"Kindergarten through fourth grade students came into the auditorium and sang for each other," said Mrs. Bielin.

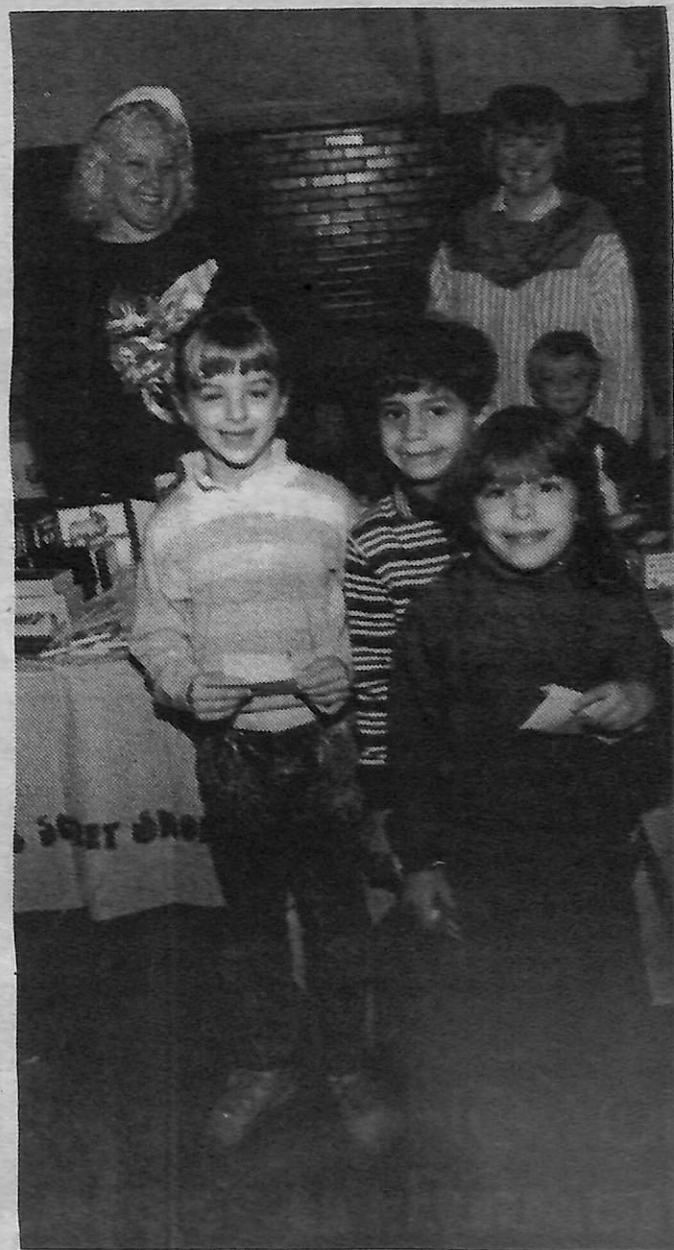
Masters of the Ceremony **Carrie Janik, Corey DiDonato, Carlo Bonavita, David Kellogg, Joseph Fleming, Michael Mangano, Glen Meisenhelder, Nicole Schutt, and Anne Kelley** worked with a script and held the whole show together according to Mrs. Bielin.

First graders sang "Toys, Toys, Toys," and second grade sang "Winter Is Our Favorite Time of Year."

Third graders sang "The Latest Style," "When Joyful Carols Fill the Air," and "Winter Wonderland." They also joined the fourth grade students to sing "Grandma's House."

Fourth graders sang the title song "Sights & Sounds of the Season" and a special number for Hanukkah entitled "Let It Glow."

Kindergarten children performed a dreidl dance which comes from a favorite Hanukkah toy. By encompassing winter sports, snowball fights, going to grandma's and all the beautiful and different things to be seen and heard during the winter season, Phelps students were able to share some of the good feelings of the holidays with each other.



PHELPS STUDENTS Kim Goss, John Decaro, and Vicky Fitchben are ready to make their purchases at Santa's Workshop with the help of PTO members Denise Gaulin and Judy McGuire. The youngster in the back is Brian McGuire. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

NO ONE COVERS the Agawam Public Schools like our School Department Editor, Iris Copson. Iris is another reason you turn our pages every week - **ADVERTISER NEWS**

Santa's Visit To Phelps School Brings Many Smiles



PICTURED WITH MR. & MRS. SANATA CLAUS at Phelps Elementary School are students Allan Grasseti, Vicki Fitchben, Joey Gaulin, Elise Alfano, and Amanda Tilden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

A Happy Christmas At Perry Lane Park

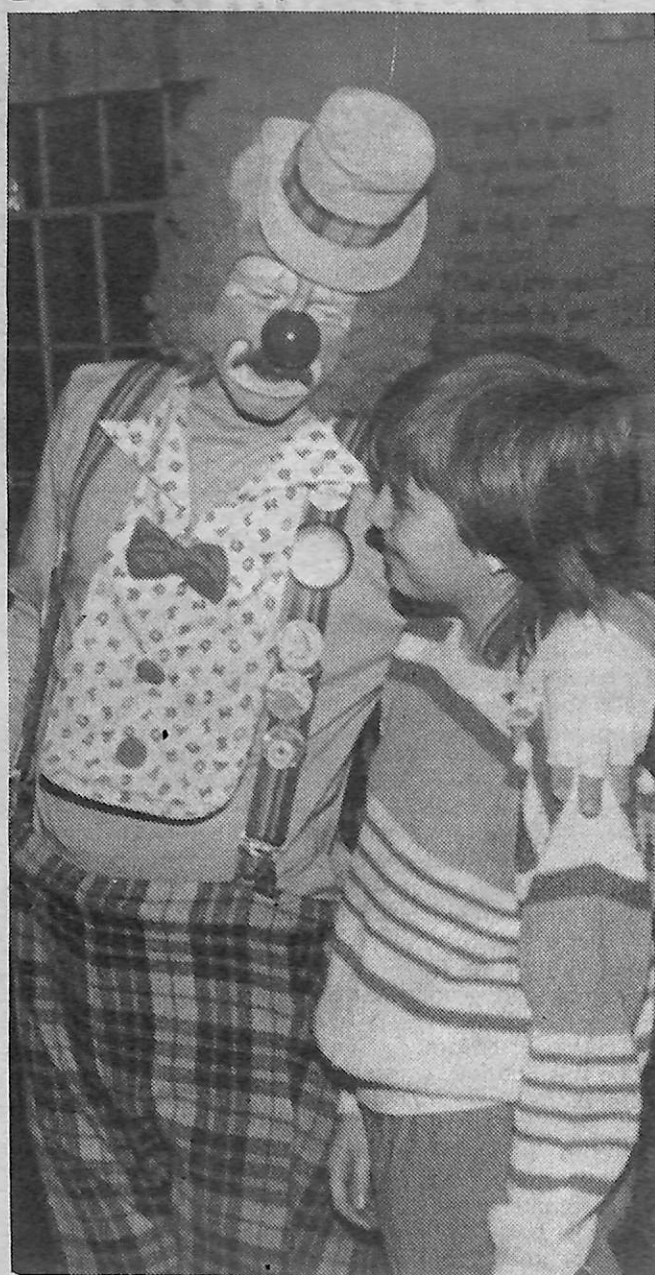


MRS. SANTA CLAUS visited the town's nursery school, Perry Lane Park, just before she returned to the North Pole. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bambi School Celebrates Christmas



CHILDREN AT BAMBI SCHOOL celebrated the Christmas holiday with a big party with Santa. Santa was played by Jimmy Konuchuck of Springfield. The Bambi School is located at 22 Vernon Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"MEATBALL THE CLOWN" has found a new pal at the Phelps School Christmas Party - student Amy Files.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, January 9th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy Italian dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, January 10th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, waxed beans, baked applecrisp, milk.

Wednesday, January 11th: Meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned green beans, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday, January 12th: Chicken and rice soup, oven baked chicken nuggets, seasoned mixed vegetables, applesauce or chocolate pudding, milk.

Friday, January 13th: Hamburg and gravy on whipped potatoes, diced carrots, dinner roll, orange blossom cake, milk.

Parent-Teacher-Student Org. Slates Meeting January 12th

The Parent-Teacher-Student Organization at Agawam High School will meet on Thursday, January 12th, in the high school cafeteria from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Students representing various extra-curricular organizations will present a survey of offerings available to students at Agawam High. This program has been organized to provide both parents and students more information on the kinds of extra-curricular activities students may engage in.

This PTSO meeting should be of particular interest to parents of sophomores and juniors along with the students in those classes.

Clark School Presents Christmas Play To Celebrate Holidays

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The entire student body at Clark Elementary School took part in a musical presentation entitled, "The Littlest Christmas Tree" under the direction of music instructor Sylvia Starkie on December 21st, for the holidays.

Mrs. Starkie said the children's rehearsals started "about the middle of November" for the production. She added, "I am looking at Christmas music during the summer."

She listened to many fourth grade auditions for the solo part in the song "Christmas Is Love" and finally selected **Shannon Beaudry**. Shannon also played the lead role as the Littlest Christmas Tree.

The setting of the musical was Santa's North Pole Tree Lot. Before the onset of the story, kindergarten children sang their version of "Jingle Bells" to be part of the performance.

Along with Shannon Beaudry, other fourth graders with speaking parts included Santa, played by **Michael Baggetta**; **Diane Parslow**, Mrs. Claus; **Melanie Demastrie**, **Kim Clark**, **Jessica Theriaque**, **Elisa Newman**, **Jennifer Chagnon**, and **Michelle Raines**, Santa's elves; and **Shawn Czepiel**, **Steven Sands**, **Michael DiMatteo**, **Todd Godfrey**, **Lucas Taylor**, **Christopher Bitzas**, **Joseph Campbell**, **Jason Malone**, **Robert Johnson**, **Drake Descant**, **Jamie Buiso**, **Jason Szymula**, and **James Antico** as trees in the North Pole lot.

Diane Parslow (Mrs. Claus) told Michael Baggetta (Santa) that the time had come to select a Christmas tree. Second graders entered the stage area to sing "Time To Decorate The Tree."

Competition among Santa's trees to be the special one this holiday began and fourth graders sang "I'm Gonna Be Santa's Tree."

With a taped musical accompaniment, fourth graders then performed "Tiny Tree Rap" prompting Mrs. Starkie to note, "The children really enjoyed this number best of all."

First graders then paraded in singing "The March of the Trees." Many of the trees were full, emerald green, and much larger than the puny selection by Santa, which surprised the rest.

Santa pointed out that the "importance of Christmas was not in the Christmas tree's beauty, but that she had the spirit of Christmas."

In Shannon's solo "Christmas Is Love," the words helped express the true meaning of the holiday spirit: "together sharing, children singing songs of the happiness Christmas will bring; its laughter, hope and joy."

Then, third graders playing resonator bells sang, "Oh Christmas Tree," adding a variation to the words "how evergreen your branches" by inserting "we'll decorate your branches" instead.

Fourth grade students joined the third-grade singers in "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and asked parents, teachers, friends and other family members, along with the entire student body, to join them in the final chorus of this Christmas carol to finish the production.

The students presented Mrs. Starkie with a lovely bouquet of flowers before leaving the cafetorium.



CARLA NEWTON, president of the Women's Division; **Donna Edery**, scholarship recipient; **Barbara Crawford**, Scholarship Committee chairwoman; and **Sharon Lose**, second vice-president, Women's Division, say the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be granting scholarships to adult women reentering the workforce.

Scholarships Available For Adult Women

The Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will be granting scholarships to adult women reentering the workforce or improving their current job status. Eligibility for the scholarships is based upon financial need, record of community service, and commitment to self-improvement. Residents of Agawam, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Springfield, West Springfield, Wilbraham, and Longmeadow are invited to apply.

Since 1980, the Women's Division has granted scholarships totaling \$26,650 to area women. Past recipients Donna Edery of Wilbraham and Rosemary Kratovil of Feeding Hills cited the importance of Women's Division scholarships in achieving their own career goals. For both women the Women's Division scholarships provided financial assistance and encouragement.

Ms. Edery, a case aide with the Social Service Department of Baystate Medical Center used the scholarship to pursue a degree in social work. Ms. Kratovil is a nursing major at the Elms College in Chicopee.

Applications and additional information are available from the Women's Division of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 787-1555, as well as from the following participating colleges: STCC, Elms College, Bay Path Junior College, Western New England College, Holyoke Community College, American International College, and Springfield College.

Deadline for submitting applications is January 31st.

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Cub Scout Pack 77 Celebrates Christmas

On Wednesday, December 28th, Pack 77 held their monthly meeting. The boys received gifts from Santa, and worked at breaking pinatas full of candy. Each den designed and decorated their own pinata for this special event.

The Cub Scouts also sang Christmas carols at the Chestnut Hill Nursing Home in East Longmeadow to share their Christmas spirit, and donated a large fruit basket to the residents there.

They have had a busy year, taking part in a hayride at Valley Brook stables in Southwick and participating in a November "turkey shoot" at their pack meeting.

The boys are eagerly preparing new activities and plans for trips in 1989 with the help of their den leaders.

Agawam Public Library Sets Events Throughout January

The Agawam Public Library invites elementary school aged children to participate in events throughout January.

On Friday, January 13th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., silly stories and strange lore about superstitions from all over the world will be featured in a story hour, as we ask the question—"Friday the 13th—Our lucky day?"

We're celebrating the birth date of A.A. Milne, author of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories on Wednesday, January 18th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a program dedicated to teddy bears and other stuffed animals. Children are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal to join the festivities.

The Walt Disney feature film "The Hound That Thought He Was A Raccoon" will be shown in the library Community Room on Saturday, January 21st, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Children may bring non-drippy snacks and pillows to sit on, if they wish. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join the crowd.

Call the library at 789-1550 to sign-up for the programs.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS at its December 28th meeting was Cub Pack 77 at St. John's Church. In top photo, pictured are (back) Den Mother Debbie Casinghino, Theodore Gontczaruk, Justin Casinghino, and Glenn Wegrzyn. Front row - Jason DeGray, Eric Hebert, and Greg Wegrzyn; PHOTO AT LEFT - Santa Claus with Pack 77 members Chad Abdow and James Antico. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Science Museum Has Many Kids' Courses

The Springfield Science Museum is offering hands-on science courses for children this winter.

Courses For Children

Animals in Winter (Ages 4-6). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th (\$17, members; \$20, non-members). Children will learn about light sleepers, hibernators, and animals that remain active during the winter as they search for hanging bats, drowsy bears and cozy chipmunks in the museum's Exploration Center.

Sensational Senses (Ages 4-6). Two sessions: Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th (\$17, members; \$20, non-members). Participants will test their senses through a variety of specially designed sensory activities and compare their senses to those of other animals.

Built to Survive (Ages 4-6). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non). Join us in investigating the amazing world of animal adaptations through a variety of activities, games and special educational materials, including animal hats, noses, and masks.

Fun with Physical Science (Ages 4-6). Two sessions: Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., February 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Simple activities and games will allow children to learn about sound, light, magnetism, motion and more.

Animals You Love To Hate (Ages 4-6). Meets Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 21st, 22nd, 23rd (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Children will develop an appreciation for misunderstood animals such as skunks, spiders, and snakes through live animal interviews.

The Inside Story (Ages 4-6). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., March 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). In this course children will learn about their insides as they listen to their heart beat, examine x-rays, investigate bones and muscles and find out what makes them tick.

Dinosaur Olympics! (Ages 4-6). Two sessions: Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., March 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Dinosaur lovers will get acquainted with the "terrible izards" through an educational and entertaining participatory exhibit, "Dinosaur Olympics."

Reptile, Bird or Mammal? (Ages 6-8). Meets Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 21st, 22nd, 23rd (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Children will discover the importance of fur, feathers, scales, and warm or cold bloodedness as they examine animal mounts and search for back-boned creatures throughout the exhibit halls.

Animal Actions (Ages 7-9). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th (\$17, members; \$20, non-members). Activities will encourage children to observe and interpret animal behavior, such as finding food and shelter, escaping predators, and communication.

What's Up There? (Ages 7-9). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Learn about stars, planets, the sun and the moon in the Seymour Planetarium.

Egg-Citing Science! (Ages 7-9). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., March 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). "Egg-speriments" will include weighing and measuring eggs, testing eggs for buoyancy and dyeing eggs using natural foods.

Light Fantastic (Ages 8-10). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., March 11th, 18th (\$8, members; \$10, non-members). Students will experiment with lenses, mirrors, prisms, kaleidoscopes, color filters, a periscope, and pinhole box.

Newton's Apple (Ages 9-11). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 11th, 18th, 25th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Students will learn about buoyancy, density, and gravity by constructing airplanes, rafts, and hot air balloons.

Magnets, Batteries & Bulbs (Ages 9-11). Meets Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., February 21st, 22nd, 23rd (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Investigate the properties of electricity and magnetism using batteries, bulbs, magnets, and compasses.

Crime Lab Chemistry! (Ages 10-13). Meets Saturday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., January 14th, 21st, 28th (\$13, members; \$15, non-members). Students will analyze inks and handwriting, and conduct tests on various kinds of paper to solve a series of mysteries.



Sale Of DePalma Transit "Ends Era"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The sale of DePalma Transportation Services' schoolbus division on December 29th marked the end of 70 years of transit service to the Agawam School Department, according to Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest.

The buyers, Ryder Student Transportation Services of Warwick, Rhode Island, are "one of the largest schoolbus transporters in the country," Charest said.

"The (Agawam Schools) contract goes with the sale and they (Ryder) will abide by exactly with what we have. They will keep all the same storage facilities, buses, and drivers," said Charest.

"We anticipate a smooth transition. Ryder will keep the name DePalma on the side of the schoolbuses through the end of this school year to avoid any confusion. Next September the buses will say Ryder on the sides," he added.

Charest learned that Ryder is concentrating on acquiring bus companies from families that have been in the business for a long time. Charest asked a Ryder official that when it acquires a company, what is the success ratio for continuance after the contract expiration? This was answered with assurance by Ryder's Eastern Region Manager Earl McComb.

McComb said that Ryder has renewed just about every one of its contracts, and it has been overwhelmingly successful.

Under the Agawam Schools' five year contract, which averages about \$350,000 per year, DePalma had 2½ years left to fill the agreement. "There is a

standard clause with the DePalma contract about subletting or sale without the School Committee's approval," said Charest.

When the School Committee meets January 10th, Charest said he will recommend Ryder's acceptance. He has invited both DePalma and Ryder representatives to that meeting. "Assuming that the members vote yes, we will then have a formal letter to DePalma from the School Committee sent out," he said.

Charest also said, "We do have a special contract for athletic events, like football, and other after-school activities called 'Extracurricular and Field Trip Contract' presently with DePalma that runs out in June. We will be going out to bid on that contract this summer."

McComb said Ryder eventually hopes to expand the transportation company to include charter service and is expanding its student transportation services across the country.

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Christmas Is... Room 1 - Grade 3 Granger School

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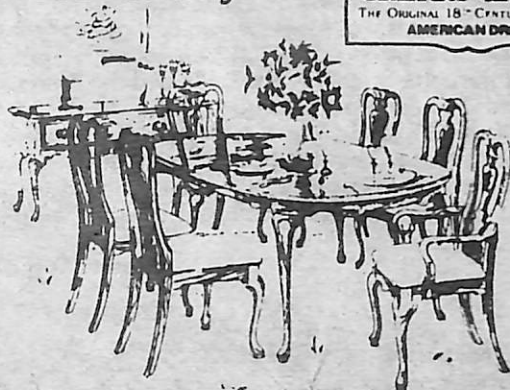
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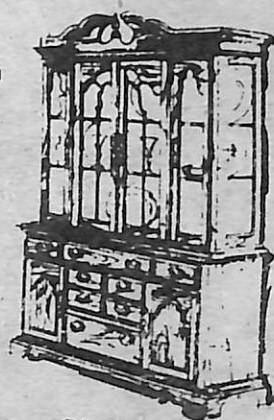
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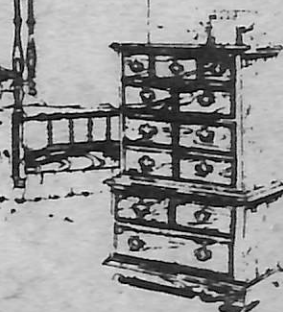
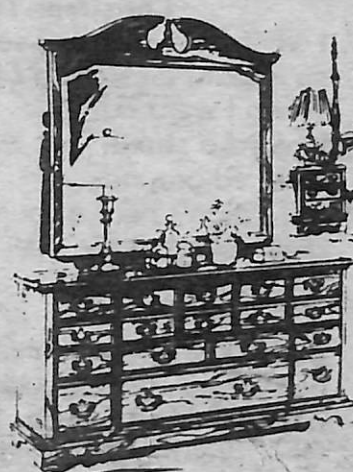
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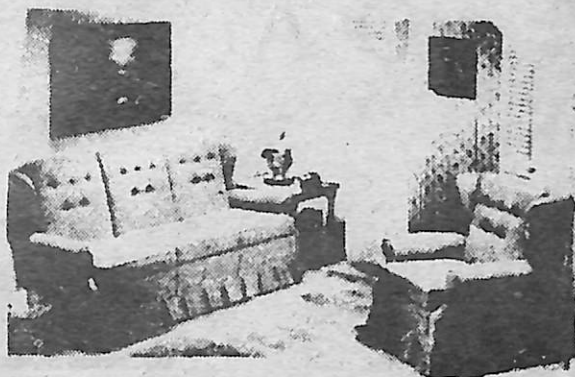
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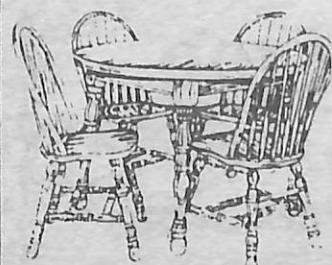
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Rudolph
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Santa

Snowflakes

A snowflake I know
it is snow.
But do you know
no two flakes are the same?

Some snowflakes are round
and fall on the ground.
Tonight when it is not light
it can stop, but it might not.

Asa Allen

Snowflakes

Snowflakes are big,
Snowflakes are small.
They come in all sizes big or small.
I love to watch them fall.

Tony Marsili

Santa Claus

Santa Claus, all red and white,
won't you come to my house tonight?
Santa Claus you're so near,
Won't you get your sled in gear?

Nicole Molbury

Christmas Day

Christmas Day I'll say,
"Santa has come.
All is O.K."
Merry Christmas!

Alison Pratt

Santa

Santa has a white beard
and a red suit.
He has a broad face,
People think he's cute!

Michael Albro

Christmas Day

I do a rhyme
at Christmas time.
I ride a sleigh
on Christmas Day.

If I may
Please let me say,
Merry Christmas!

Karen Shaw

Christmas

Christmas is far.
Christmas is near.
Christmas comes once a year!

Christmas is fun
Christmas is neat.
At Christmas Santa we meet!

Jaime Callahan

Christmas Day

'Tis the season snowflakes fall,
When no one has a care at all.
I look out my window into the night,
And see the north star shine so bright.

'Tis the season church bells ring,
And to hear the carolers merrily sing.

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Three Christmas wishes
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Heidi Benton

Christmas Tree and Me

I went on a trip, you see,
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When I went out
I heard a shout.
I looked around
but I didn't hear a sound.
So I looked at the trees
and said, "That's the one for me."
So I took it home
and it knew it was alone.
So some water I brought
and some decorations I sought.
Oh, Christmas tree and me.

Ian Griffan

The Christmas Story

A baby was born one day.
His parents named him Jesus.
A day in December was his birthday.
Now that day is called Christmas.

Richard Haglund

Three Christmas Wishes
(that don't cost a cent!):
A snowman in my yard
two new friends

Yamilette Olmo

My Dear and I

My dear and I
went out to cheer,
Singing Merry Christmas
to all who could hear.

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Slip!

Santa's sled slipped,
On the slippery ice,
And all the slippery gifts,
Went sailing,
So Santa said,
"No more slippery gifts!"

Jeanne O'Neil

Santa's whiskers are as white as snow because when
he leads his reindeer he falls into the snow. Then when
a big snowball comes down the hill old Saint Nick goes
tumbling.

Meghan Ward

Santa's Elves

Santa's elves are very cute
And also very friendly
But most of all Santa's elves are
Very, very cuddly!

Danielle DiStefano

I Am A Snowflake

Hi. I'm a snowflake. I fall and the children with sleds
have fun riding over me. They will make forts out of
me. When it gets hot I'll melt, and next year I will do
the same thing.

Derek Carpenter

Santa's Sleigh

Once while I got into bed, on a cold Christmas Eve, I
heard a drumming on the roof. I went to tell my
parents. They said it was sleet or rain and get to bed. I
did and I heard a strange ringing bell sound. "That's
strange," I thought. Suddenly the bells and the drumm-
ing stopped. I heard a "Ho, ho, ho!" "SANTA!" I
thought. I hoped I would get a lot of presents tomor-
row. I went to sleep. The next morning I tore open my
boxes. I got a sled, a ton of clothes and a lot of toys.
But best of all, I'll remember the night I heard Santa's
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Nicholas Solecki

Christmas

Christmas is a time of year when family get together
and celebrate Jesus' birthday. Some people put up a
Christmas tree. Christmas is a fun time of year.

Chris Olson

Slippery Silver Ice

Some silly person slipped on the silver ice and skidd-
ed across slippery silver ice. This Santa came and slip-
ped on the slippery silver ice and said ho, ho, ho, Merry
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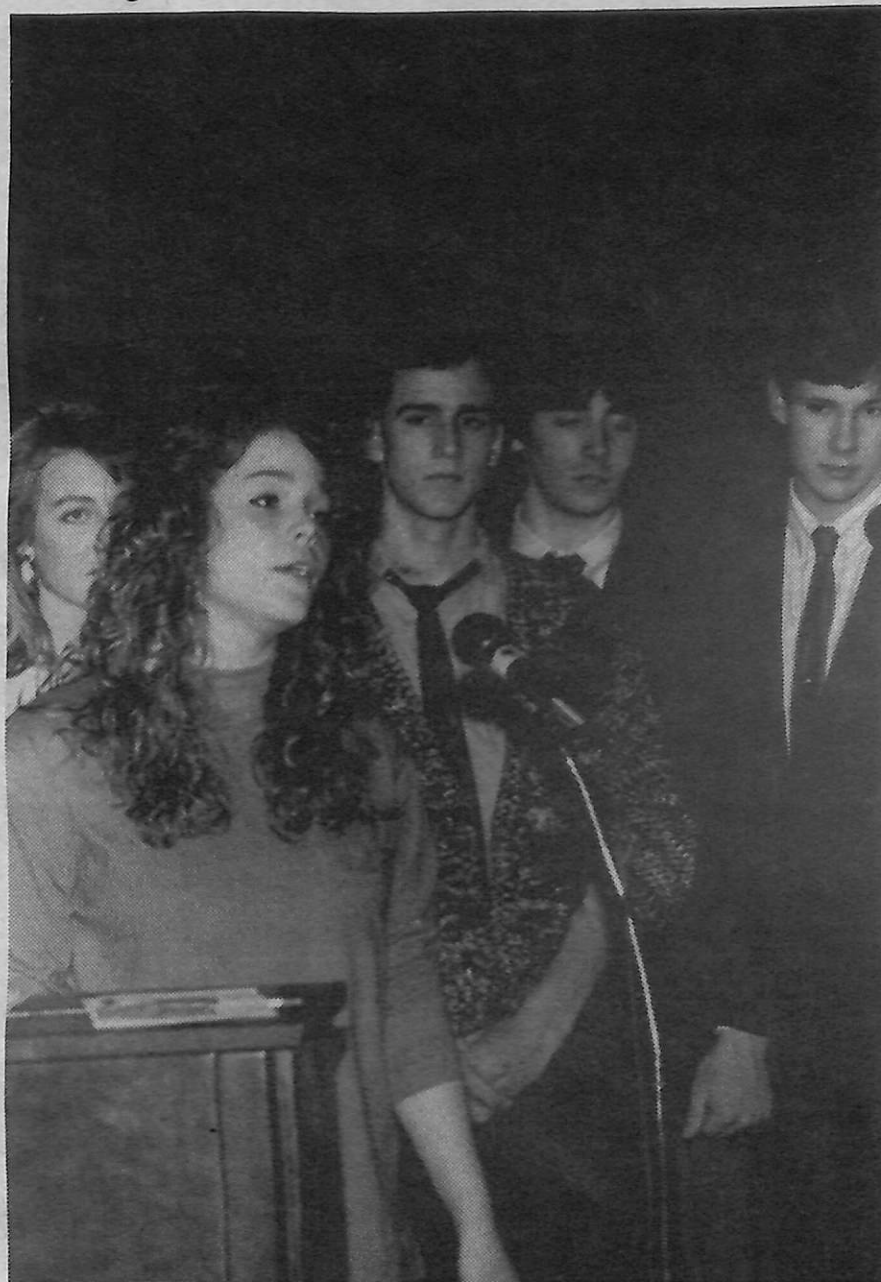
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Annual Winter Concert Held By AHS Music Dept.



STRONG WITH A HORN - Teresa Moccio performs at the Annual Agawam High School Winter Concert. Advertiser

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AGAWAM HIGH SHOW CHOIR MEMBER Tammy Moran is pictured at the Music Department's Annual Winter Concert, Wednesday, December 21st. Advertiser News

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ON SAXOPHONE - Susan Arnold at the Annual Winter Concert staged by the Agawam High School Music Department just before the Christmas holiday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

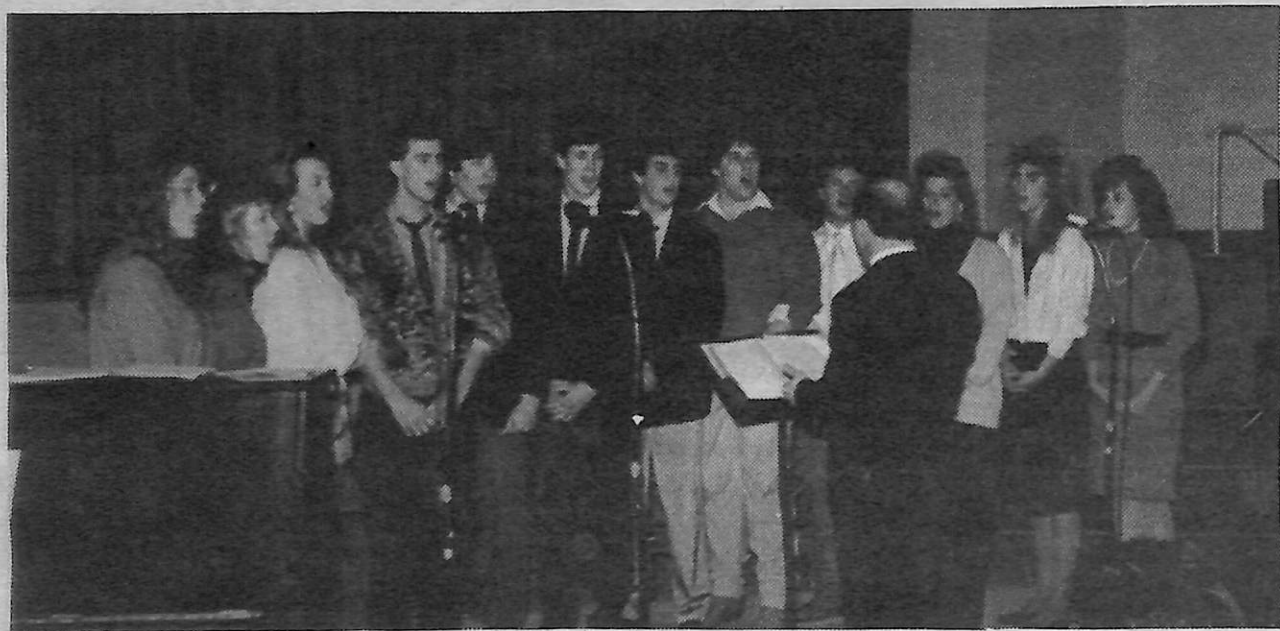


THE SAXOPHONES HARD AT WORK at the Annual Agawam High School Winter Concert. From left - Sue Arnold, Maria Kubic, Sue Joseph, Chris Mitchell, Sarah White,

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Music Shines At Winter Concert



AGAWAM HIGH FACULTY MEMBER Steve Files (front-right in both photos) directed the school's Show Choir, Vocal Ensemble, and Combined Chorus at the school's Annual Winter Concert, Wednesday, December 21st. Advertiser News

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Meet Granger School's "Elf Factory"



THE GRADE 2 class of Mrs. Gendron at Granger Elementary School staged the Christmas Play, "The Elf Factory," on Thursday, December 22nd. Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

Agawam PAC Sets Series Of Workshops

Due to a recent increase in questions and concerns, the Agawam Parents' Advisory Council (PAC) is pleased to offer a series of workshops to familiarize parents with different aspects of Special Education.

The first workshop will be on Wednesday, January 11th. The guest speaker will be Joyce Fisher, registered occupational therapist. She will speak on the role of the occupational therapist in your child's school education as well as types of testing and activities to do with your child. She will also be available for questions.

Ms. Fisher is currently working at Bay State Medical Center in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. Ms. Fisher has worked with children birth to three years-old, school-age children, and adults. She is experienced in testing and has given many lectures and workshops. One of her fields is dealing with children with cerebral palsy.

The meeting will be held at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. The PAC cordially invites all parents to attend.

The other workshops in this series are as follows:

February 8th—Vocational/Occupational Preparation. Guest speakers will be Hilary Weisgerber and Ed Bouguillon of the Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative, and Dr. Kathy Winkler from the Department of Education.

March 8th—Testing. Nancy Donnelly will talk about testing your child.

Also sometime in March, an I.E.P. clinic will be conducted with Debbie Crane from the Federation for Children with special needs.

Additional details on these workshops will be forthcoming. Anyone with any questions may contact PAC Chairwoman Michelle Dunn, 786-9397.

Middle School Plans D.A.R.E. Graduation

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Officer

On Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a graduation ceremony at the Agawam Middle School auditorium for all the fifth grade students involved in Project D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Relatives and friends of the approximately 150 students are invited to attend the culmination and listen to some of the kids describe what they have learned and what they intend to do in the future to curb drug abuse.

District Attorney Matthew Ryan has been asked to speak to those gathered and give some insight on law enforcement efforts along these lines.

In addition, the kids will be receiving graduation certificates and a brief overview of the 17-week program will be given. Letters will be going home with the students involved to further remind the families as to the date and time. Everyone is encouraged to attend to give support and recognition to the kids and the efforts they have put forth in the past few months.

Adult Ed. Sign-Ups Slated By School Dept.

The Agawam School Department will accept registration for the second semester of its adult evening school program on Monday and Thursday evenings, January 10th and 13th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in the high school's main office.

Evening School Director Paul Cavallo said yesterday that the 10-week courses are scheduled to begin January 9th and will run until March 27th. The cost is \$30 per course.

Those courses to be offered include:

Mondays: Chair caning, typing, and quilting.

Tuesdays: Oil painting (limited openings).

Wednesdays: Pastry making and international breadmaking, cabinet making, and auto-body repair.

Thursdays: Introduction to Your Car, wood refinishing, Italian cooking, and beginning basket weaving.

Cavallo said the following academic classes are scheduled to be held Monday and Thursday evenings, subject to enrollment: English 11 and 12, U.S. history, psychology, algebra I, general math, biology or general science.

The Agawam Evening School reserves the right to cancel a course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

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Sports

Brownies Fall To 1st Hoop Loss Vs. Comp, 52-42

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

About three weeks ago in the preview of the 1988-89 Agawam High girls' varsity basketball season, coach Lou Conte mentioned that the team's major weakness was size. "We can't allow anyone to post-up on us. If we do, then we're in big trouble," said Conte.

And that's exactly what defending Division I state champion Chicopee Comp put on the Brownies on January 3rd. The Brownies were pinned with their first loss of the young season, a 52-42 setback vs. the still tough Colts.

Comp set the tempo from the outset. After sophomore guard Joy Clark's opening hoop, the visitors answered with back-to-back three-pointers to take a 6-2 lead.

Comp expanded its advantage to 10-4 before the Brownies fought back behind hoops from Lori Desimone, Karen Patterson, and Traci Trudel. 12-12 at the end of one.

The locals actually enjoyed a short-lived lead on hoops by Allyson Manning and Clark for a 16-14 lead. Comp then scored the next seven points during a 12-3 run. The Brownies were down by seven, 26-19 at the half.

Coming out with fire after the intermission, the Brownies assembled a six-point run to cut the deficit to 26-25.

But the tell-tale turning point of this one came when Comp tallied 14 of the next 18 points, putting the Brownies in a 15-point hole in the fourth quarter.

Conte credited the winners for their aggressive play. "They shot well and really beat us physically inside. They outthrustled us and were more aggressive than we were. We showed signs of our immaturity and it didn't help not to have Cathy Scaggs."

Scaggs is still sidelined by the knee injury she sustained in December. She is due to undergo arthroscopic surgery January 11th.

Conte tried to be philosophical about this one. "No loss is a good loss, but this is definitely a learning game for us."

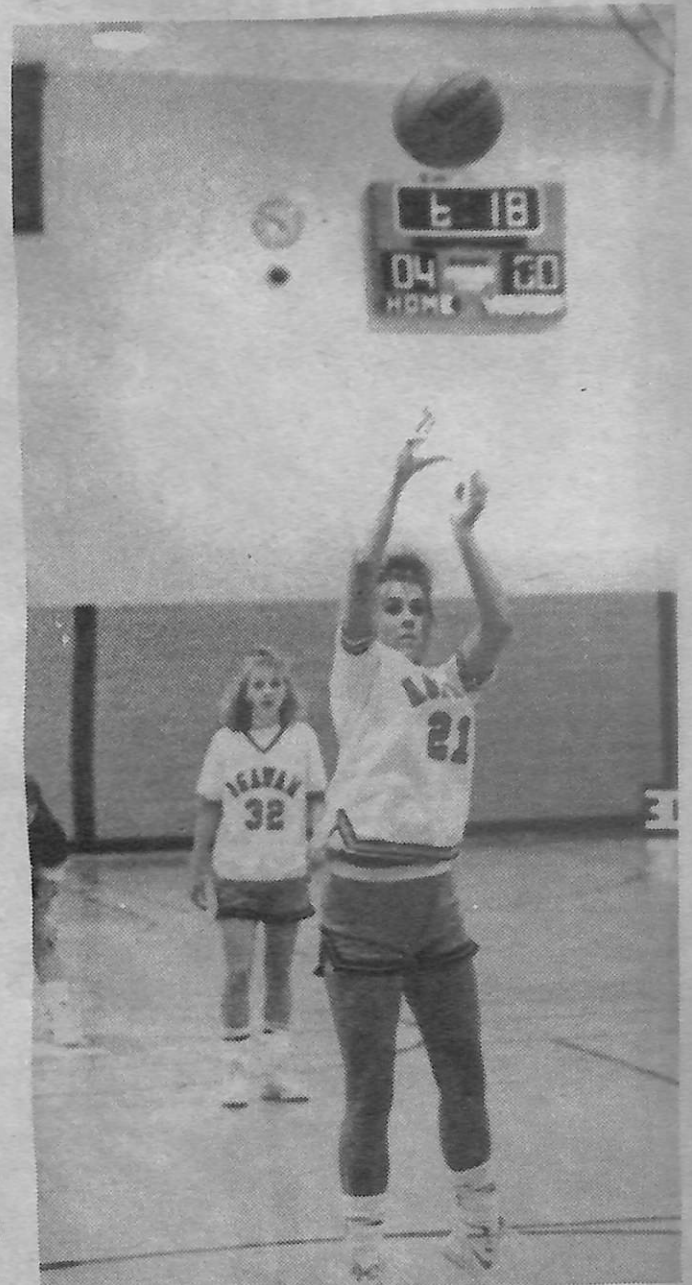
Clark led the Brownies with 14 points. Patterson scored 9 and Desimone and Trudel canned 7 each. Manning finished with 3 and Lisa Suffriti had 2.

Last week the Brownies extended their winning streak of five with victories over West Side (48-40) and Central High (70-36).

Desimone led all scorers with 20 points against West Side. Patterson and Trudel followed her lead as they both tossed in 10.

Against Central Desimone once again proved she can score effectively with a 20-point effort. Trudel supplied 15 points from the inside while Patterson and Clark scored 10 and 14, respectively.

Next on the agenda for the Brownies is Chicopee, Friday, January 6th. The locals will meet Minnechaug Regional on Tuesday, January 10th (home).



TRACI TRUDEL launches a foul shot as Joy Clark looks on in action last week. Advertiser News

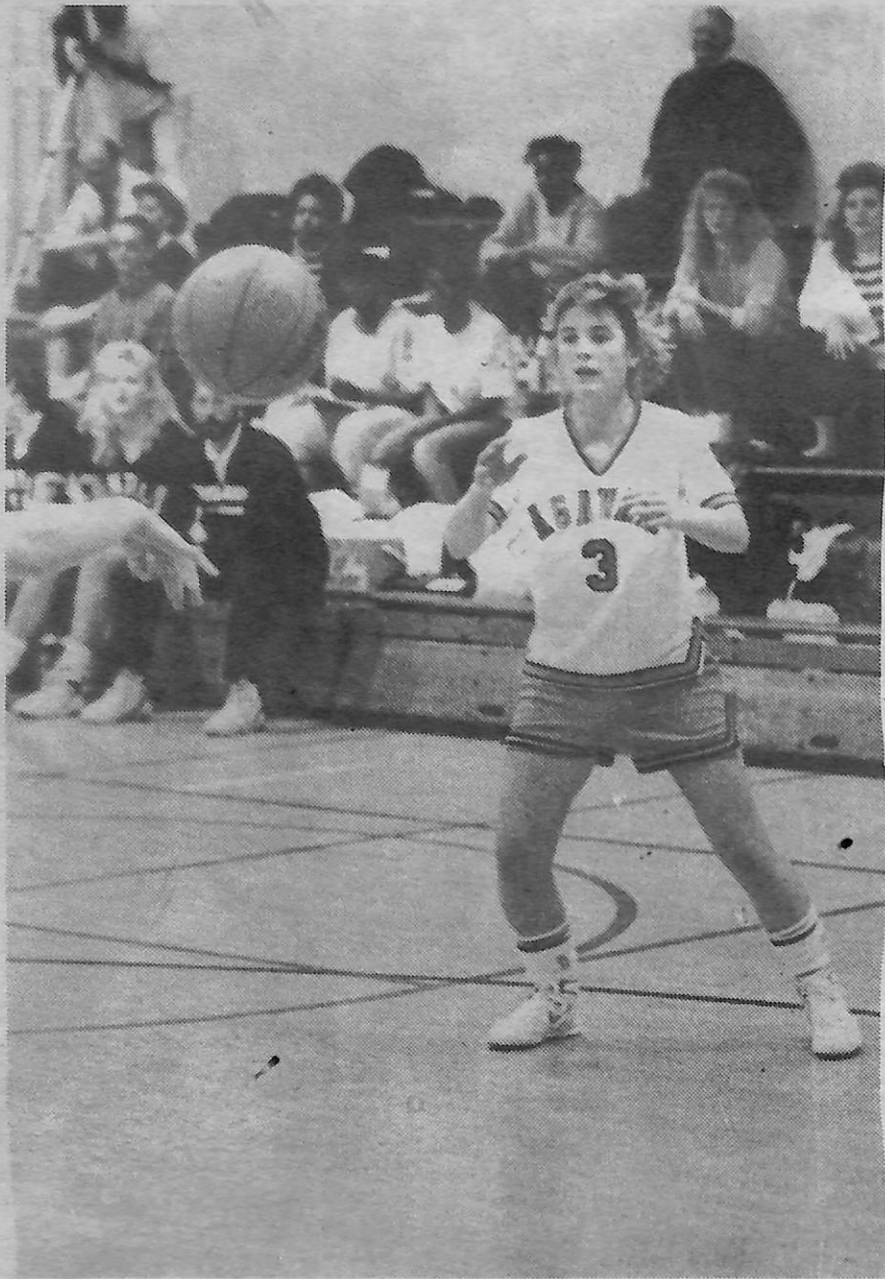
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AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' VARSITY HOOP COACH Lou Conte (back row) and his 1988-89 Brownies. Back row, from left - Conte, Missy Danio, Traci Trudel, Alyson Manning, Maura Martin, Cathy Scaggs, and Assistant Coach Debbie Lickley. Front row - Lori Desimone, Sharon Phaneuf, Karen Patterson, Joy Clark, and Lisa Suffriti. Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

Despite Loss To Comp, AHS Girls' Hoop Still Hot



THE FLEET-FOOTED KAREN PATTERSON is about to accept a pass on the perimeter in girls' varsity basketball action last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

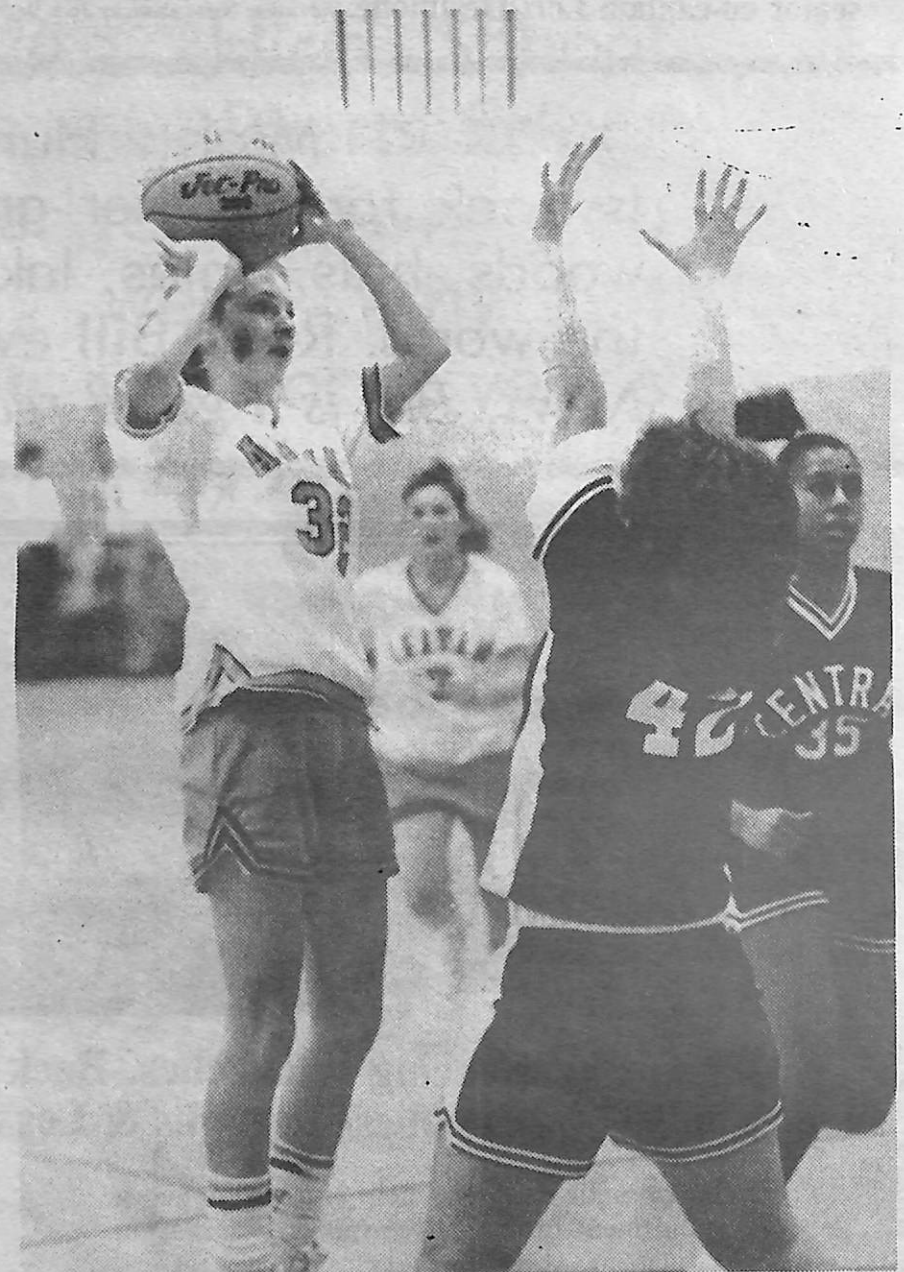


HERE, KAREN PATTERSON SHOWS HER ABILITY to drive to the hoop using her left-hand against a Central High opponent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



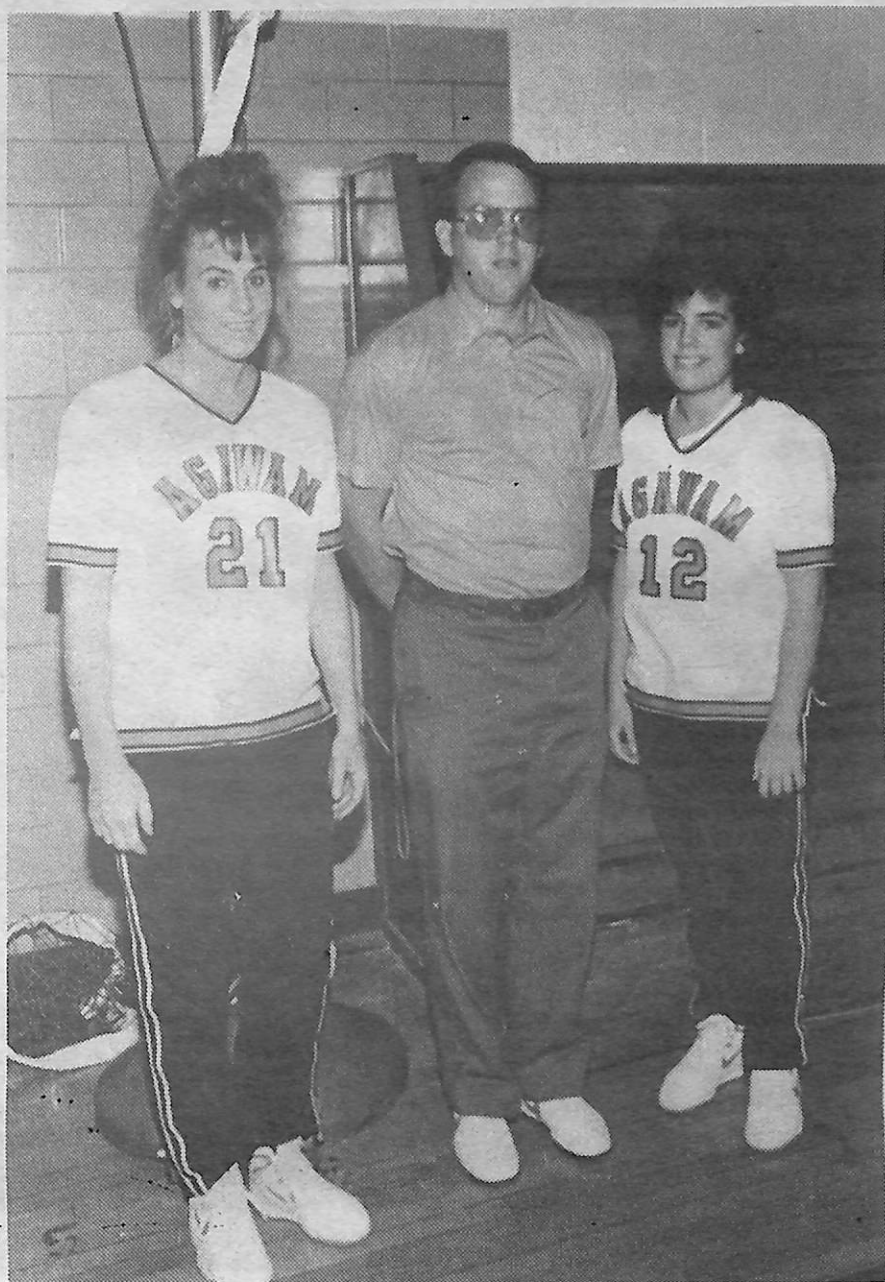
POINT GUARD LORI DESIMONE is always around the ball and can put some big numbers up on the board.

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THE INSIDE PLAY of Joy Clarke is an important factor in the 5-1 start for the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team in 1988-89. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Conte's Gang Lookin' Good In Early Season



THREE GOOD REASONS why the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team is off to a 5-1 start - from left - senior co-captain Traci Trudel, coach Lou Conte, and senior co-captain Lori Desimone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ONE QUALITY THAT is inherent is all of Lou Conte's teams - battling for the ball. Here, senior Missy Danio throws her weight around under the iron vs. a Central High opponent last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Fast Start Carries AHS Over Amherst, 71-54

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High boys' basketball team, led by junior center Matt Gibby's 19 points and 9 rebounds, bested a good Amherst Hurricane team, 71-54 Tuesday night.

The Brownies looked sharp in earning their third victory against three losses, especially in an explosive first quarter.

Coach Mike Martin praised his charges for their strong play, especially the way they took command from the opening tap.

"This was definitely our best game this year. We came out with the intensity and aggressiveness we needed. Aaron (Vanderhoof) and John (Serra) got us off right with those three-pointers," said Martin.

Behind Vanderhoof's long-range bombs (12 points, 3 rebounds, 3-6 from three-point range), and Serra (11 points, 5 rebounds, 2-4 from three-point range), the Brownies jumped to a huge 16-2 lead early in the first quarter.

From this point on the Brownies never looked back to jump-out to a 22-12 lead at the buzzer.

The Brownies again expanded their advantage in the second period behind the shooting of Gibby and Vanderhoof. At the intermission it was 42-27.

Though the Brownies maintained their 15-point margin throughout the third quarter, Amherst failed to capitalize on several opportunities to crawl back.

"Our inexperience showed in the second half. We got tentative for a while and that distracted us from our game. But we managed to keep them from getting any momentum," said Martin.

Martin was pleased with his players' performance in the Brownies second straight win after dropping two games in the very tough Cathedral High Basketball Classic during the Christmas holidays.

He was especially pleased with the continuing improvement of the beefy Gibby.

"Matt has shown improvement with each game he's played," said Martin of last year's star junior varsity center. "He's really starting to put it all together. Aaron and John give us balance from the outside because of their shooting ability."

Others contributing to this victory were Erich Fogg (7 points/6 rebounds), Jason Wooley (11 points/9 assists), and Shawn Smith (6 points/2 rebounds).

Over the holiday break, the Brownies faced Our Saviour Lutheran School (Bronx, New York), Tuesday, December 27th. The game ended in an 89-69 loss. The next night the locals took on Conestoga High and fell, 99-64.

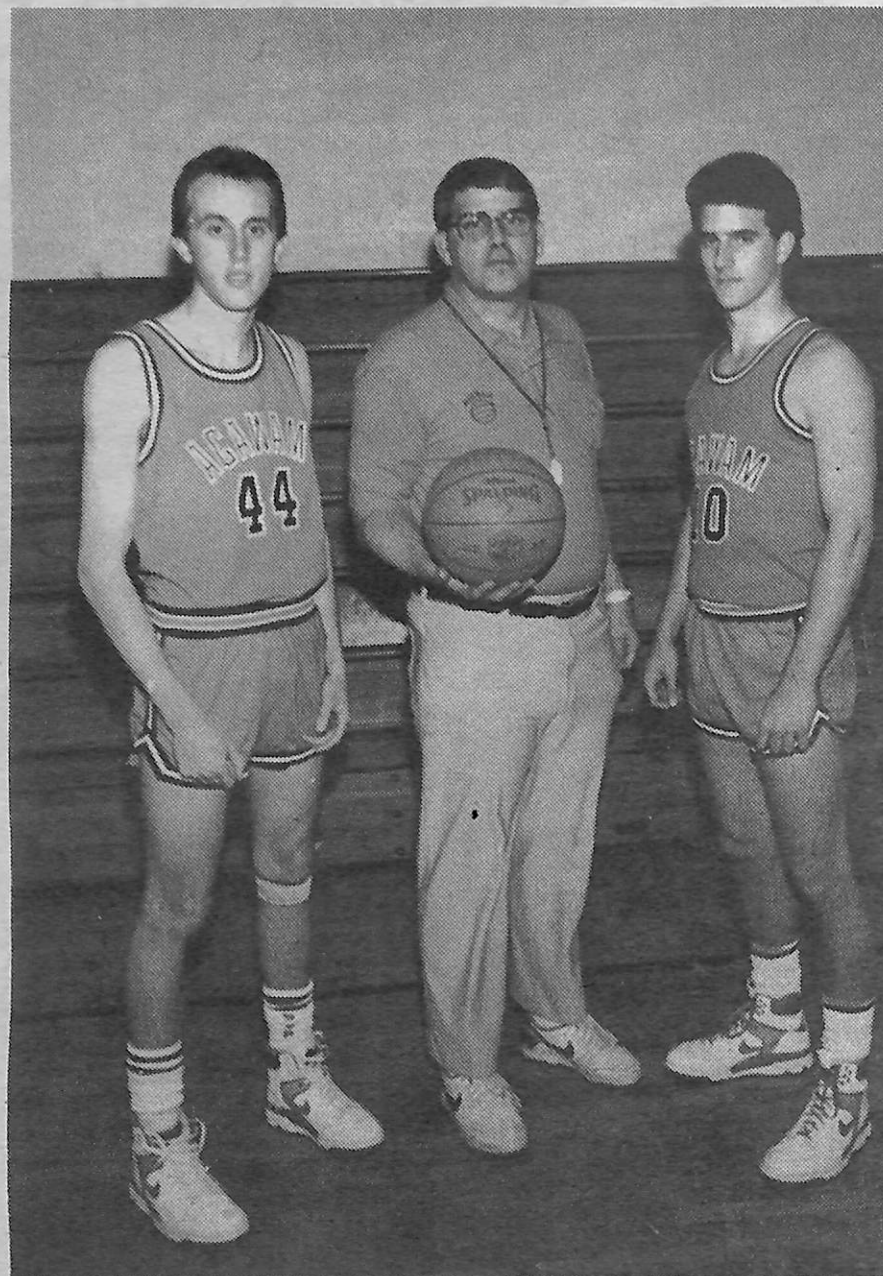
Even though the Brownies lost both games, Martin thinks playing such strong teams was a good experience for his troops.

"Those teams were better than anyone we'll see around here. Playing them shows what level we need to play on."

Vanderhoof led the locals with 16 points in the Saviour loss, followed by Serra (15), Gibby (9), Fogg (9), and sophomore Todd Hyland (8).

Serra led the Brownies vs. Conestoga with 13 points. Vanderhoof netted 12 while Gibby and Fogg hit for 10 and 8, respectively.

The Brownies bounced Greenfield, 67-61, Friday, December 30th after playing a bad first half (37-25 deficit). From his guard spot, Vanderhoof (18) led the way. Shawn Smith had his career high at 13 while Fogg was a force on the inside with 12 points and 10 rebounds.



AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH Mike Martin is pictured with this year's co-captains - seniors Erich Fogg (left) and John Serra. Advertiser

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MEMBERS OF THE 1988-89 Agawam High School varsity basketball team. Back row, from left - Assistant Coach Dean Vecchiarelli, Shawn Smith, Joe Modzelewski, Erich Fog, Matt Gibby, John Serra, Mike Cleavall, and Coach Mike Martin. Front row - Mike Wright, Todd Hyland, John Regish, Mike Martin (ball boy), Jason Wooley, Eric Vanderhoof, and Travis Hyland. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Division II Power Nips Brownies At Annual Christmas Tourney

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High Brownies lost to Division II powerhouse Quabbin for the second time this season - this time in the locals' Annual Christmas Tournament. Quabbin outscored the Brownies, 172-163 while grabbing the prestigious tournament from the hosts.

Coach Phil Tomkiel thought the outcome for his defending Western Mass. and state champions might have been different if all the teams scheduled to compete brought all of their participants.

Because of this, the Brownies were awarded four of the five byes given on opening day. "With the success we had that day, we lost 16 points because of those byes. Each bye cost us four points, two for advancing to the next round and two for a possible takedown."

The Brownies had a pretty good time, nonetheless, taking three first place awards, three seconds, three thirds, and two fourth place finishes.

It was this strong performance that convinced Tomkiel that victory was within the Brownies' grasp. "I really believe if it wasn't for those byes, we would have got at least a tie with Quabbin, and possibly a win over them."

Here's how the Brownies performed in the weight classes:

103 - CHRIS CORRIVEAU - won his first round match by fall in 1:35; then he was pinned in 1:17. After winning the semifinal match in the consolations, 7-2, he lost, 6-1, to West Side's Jeremy McCormack.

112 - DANA ALMQUIST - won his first round match, 13-8. He was then pinned by eventual winner Jason Giancalerino of Quabbin in 1:38. He won his first consolation match by pinning his opponent in 3:49, and then took West Side's Kris Slowick.

119 - DAN FELIX - received a bye in the first round before winning his semifinal match, 4-0. He then lost to Putnam's Robert Hill.

125 - CHARLIE WEBER - won his first round match in 1:48; won second round match by default before losing to Mark Rokosz in the finals, 14-1.

130 - KRIS ROBARE - lost first round to Westfield's Derek Smith in 3:25; received a bye in the first round to consolation; beat P.J. Hebert of West Side, 7-5, before losing to Ludlow's Dan Marino in the finals, 5-3.

135 - FRANK DEMARINIS - received a first round bye; defeated Daren Cloutier of West Side, 12-7 in semifinals; beat Rob Francis in the finals, 9-3.

140 - PAT CLARKE - won his first match in 54 seconds; lost to Chris Malinowski of Westfield, 9-3; in consolation, won in 3:31 before pinning Jim Calabrese of East Longmeadow, 56 seconds.

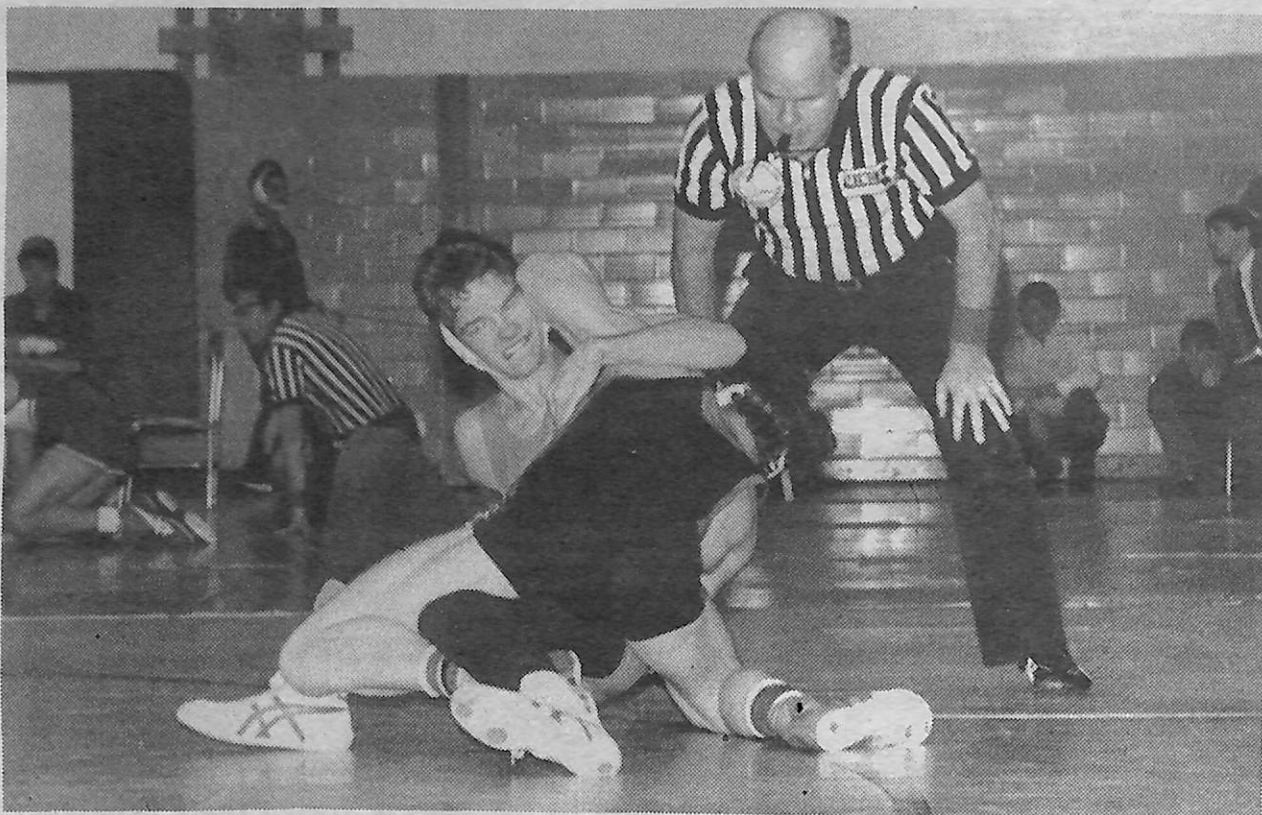
145 - JEFF CLARKE - lost to Chad Girard of Westfield in 5:30; then won, 9-8, over Mike Mitchell; lost in the consolation, 9-2, to Erwin Batse.

152 - BILL BERTE - pinned Jason Smith in 58 seconds before meeting Ludlow's Isaac Flores in the semifinals. Berte pinned him in 37 seconds; won the finals by beating Pete Clark of Westfield, 12-6.

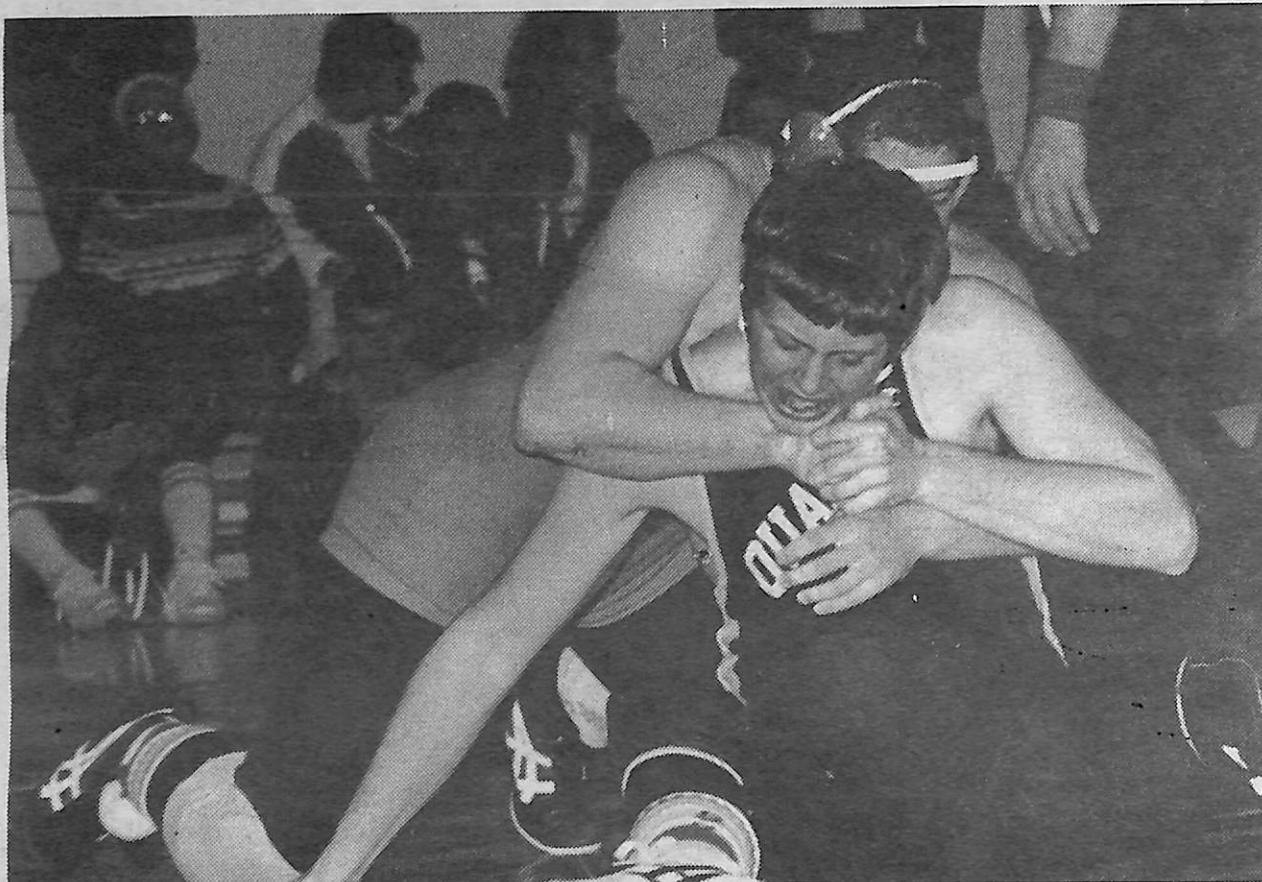
160 - CHRIS JABRY - lost to Bill Bouyea (eventual winner) in 3:10; was pinned by John Reilley in 2:17 in the consolations.

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Quabbin Again Foils AHS Matmen



IN THE 140-POUND CLASS, Pat Clarke of Agawam High appears to be taking an elbow to the head during a bout at the Annual Christmas Tournament last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH HEAVYWEIGHT Ken Blews puts the squeeze on a Quabbin wrestler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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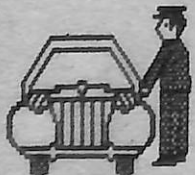
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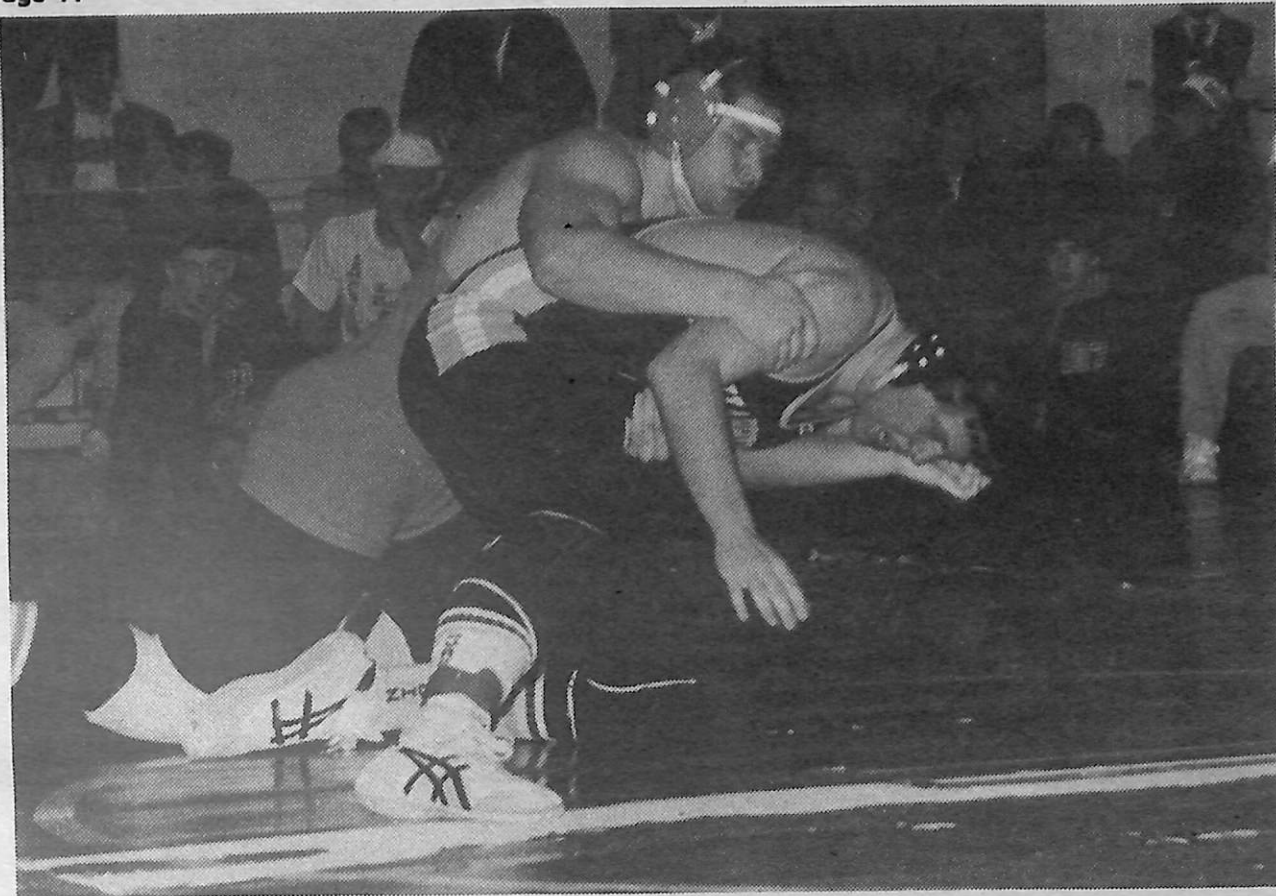
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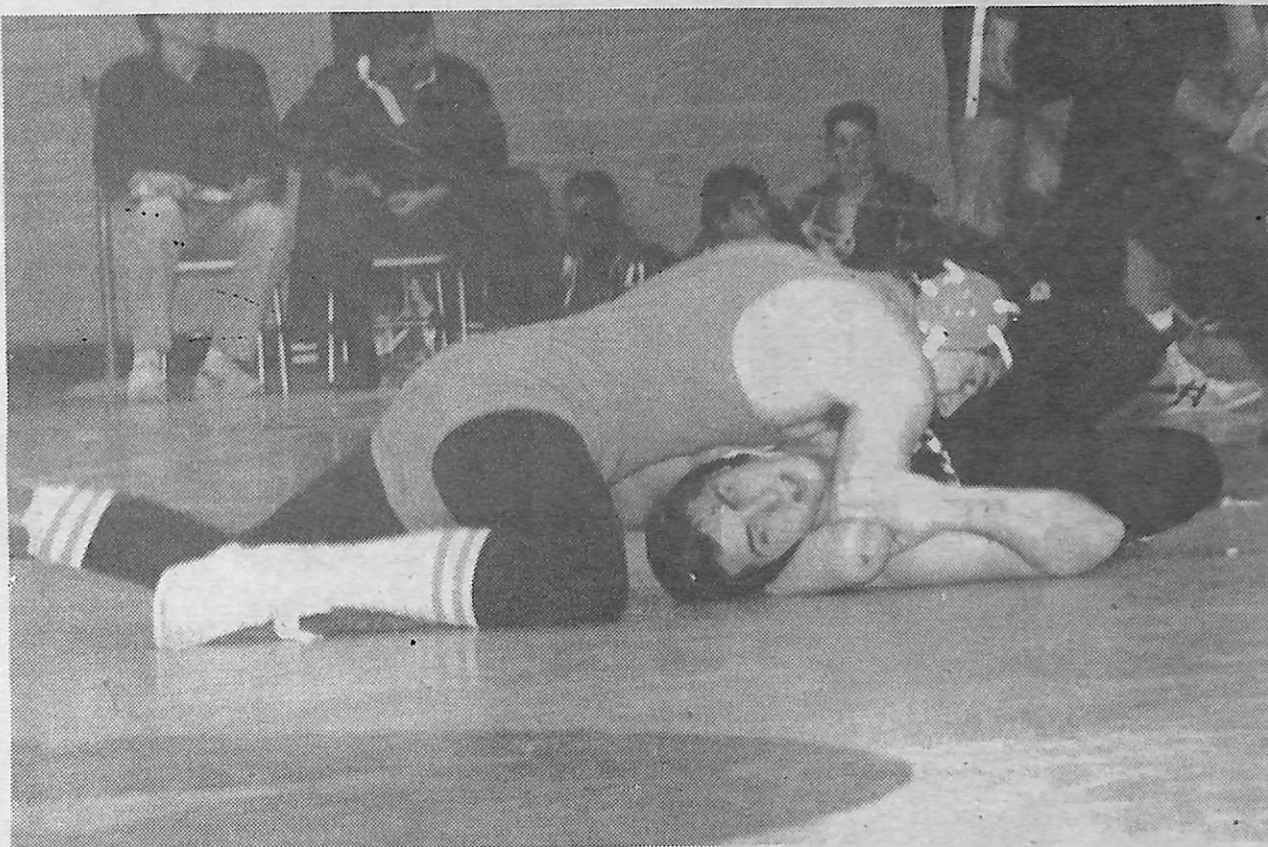
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SENIOR KEN BLEWS takes his opponent to the canvas during the Christmas Wrestling Tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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171 - JEFF RETZLER - won his first match in 35 seconds; pinned Dana Stoddard of Quabbin in 5:18; lost in the finals to West Side's Mike Colbert, 2-0.

189 - RICH DILULLO - received a first round bye; pinned Chris Congero of Quabbin in 47 seconds; pinned Scott Walen in 1:18 in finals.

Heavyweight - KEN BLEWS - received a bye in first round; was pinned by Shad Wells in 4:22 in next round; won consolation by pinning Chet Parcyk of Ludlow in 25 seconds; won next match by pinning John Lampson in 3:32 to take third overall.

The Brownies were back on the mats vs. East Longmeadow (presstime) and then are scheduled to face Amherst on Saturday, January 7th, at 1:00 p.m. (home).

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G-Town Still Flexing Muscles In Parish Bowl

After five weeks of rolling in Round Two of the 1988-89 Tri-Parish Bowling League, Round One champion Georgetown (17 wins) continues to hold first place, with a much-improved Fordham team right on its tail (2nd place-16 wins).

G-Town, the new terror of this Monday night league at the Agawam Bowl, crushed seventh place Catholic University (9 wins), four wins to none.

G-Town winners were CINDY KOZAK (281), JIM BURLINGHAM (293), VI MASSOIA (a huge night with a dazzling 333-her best in years), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (314). Although the fierce Moccio had an off night, he still had more than enough to beat CU captain JIM SNYDER (292).

Fordham staggered Loyola (10th place-5 wins) with a clean sweep, four wins to none in week five. Fordham winners were SANDY PRZESZLO (287), JOE RESCIGNO (298), JOHN REILLY (306), and captain ANN O'CONNELL (288). Ann upset a shocked Loyola captain, STEVE ROVITHIS, who is considered one of the better rollers in the league. Rovithis could muster no better than a lowly 286. Steve looked like he'd been

enjoying his holiday cheer.

Notre Dame (3rd place-13 wins) used league cellar-dweller, St. Louis (4 wins), as the whipping boy to stay within sight of G-Town and Fordham. ND winners were BOB PICKETT (305) and captain JOHN RESCIGNO (306). Rescigno defeated new St. Lou captain LOU MULDER, who simmered with a fair 293. Retired (for this season) St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER was on hand to cheer on her former teammates.

St. Lou winners included FRANK MOCCIO (312), the son of "The Fearsome One" Moccio, and RICK KOZAK (295).

Ninth place St. Anselm (8 wins) wounded the Round Two chances of rising St. Michael (4th place-12 wins), three wins to one. St. A' winners included DEBBIE GEORGE (257), JEAN BUONICONTI (258), and the shocker of all shockers, captain TONY KOZAK staggered and stunned STU "The Mad Stork" STORK, 323-326. Storkie, the league's top roller, could only defeat Kozak by just three pins. Storkie couldn't have been very happy over this.

The other St. Mike's winner was ED SCHULTSKI (322). If Storkie had a better night, St. Mike's could have really turned this one around. Some of the scores in this match weren't anything to crow about.

Fifth place St. Mary (12 wins) moved Villanova farther down the ladder (8th place-9 wins), three wins to one. St. Mary's winners were STELLA BARBIERI (256) and captain JOHN PROVOST (299). Provost defeated Villanova captain RENEE JURY (279). The Villanova winners were PAUL LAGODITZ (275) and substitute FRED CHAMBERLIN (310).

In the final match of the night, Boston College (6th place-11 wins) significantly increased its fortunes by sweeping past disappointing Holy Cross (11th place-4 wins), four wins to none.

BC winners were PAT RESCIGNO (best night ever-289 - defeated JAY LAGODITZ-228 - worst night ever), JIM "Happy As A Lark" MCNAMEE (331-great night for Jim), and captain JOHN O'CONNELL (321). O'Connell defeated HC captain LARRY VIENS (314). The only HC winner was BLANCHE SODEN (296).

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by Bill Chiba

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Dom Tangredi had just opened the oven and was basting a hind roast of deer; **Dante Ferioli** was stirring the Polenta with a passion as **Sam Provost** looked on and gave advice. Sam was suffering from a head cold and gave the job to Dante. **Jack Ferioli** was cutting slices of Italian bread; **Jim Stefanik** was filling wine glasses as he touted his Pennsylvania trip to **Ray Deloghia** (about all the deer he saw). Jack called out to Dom, "Check the deer, pepper and onion frying pan on the front of the stove. We don't want it to burn." "I know my business, let me worry about it," replied Dom.

The menu consisted of chukkar partridge, grouse, pheasant, roast of deer, and small tender pieces of deer meat sauteed with onion and pepper and mushrooms; ziti with sauce, topped off with squid that was stuffed with clam, crabmeat, lobster and a filling created by Dom (that in my estimation, topped the best gourmet chef around).

Every bit of game was shot by members of "Over-the-Hill Gang" and the squid was caught by a member his past summer.

The youngest member of the club is **Doc Query** (Dom says he isn't over the hill yet). Doc was unable to make the feast. **Ziggy** (from Westfield) stopped in. He was suffering from the grip, but had to make an appearance—a light plate of food and he was on his way back home and to bed. The comical tales of the past hunting season, the banter and teasing, and the hearty

laughter made for a very enjoyable time.

Bruce Roscoe, local electrical contractor, has almost reached the goal he set for himself about four years ago. Bruce took up bass fishing at that time and has progressed into a very good fisherman. This past season, Bruce came in third place in bass fishing in Massachusetts. By doing so, the Massachusetts Bass Federation is sending Bruce to Virginia (all expenses paid). He will wear a state-furnished uniform and other gear denoting whom he is representing. If Bruce can place first in the regionals, he will qualify to participate in the National Bass Masters Classic (Bruce's goal). We wish you all the luck you will need, Bruce.

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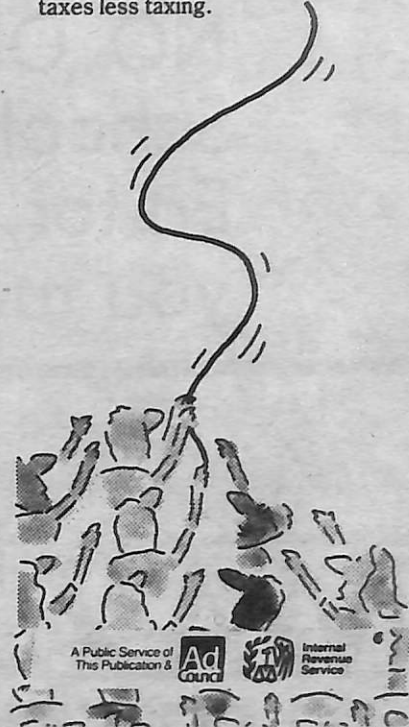
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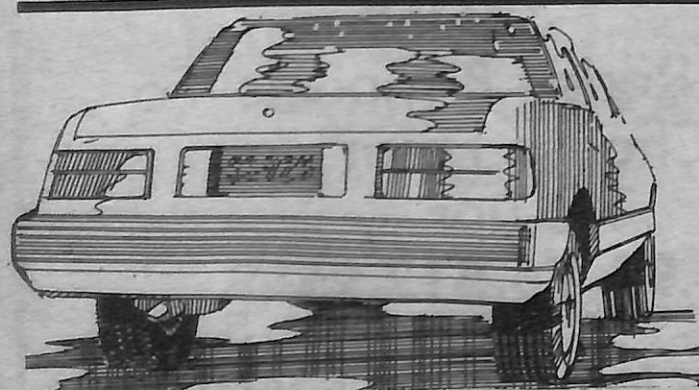
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Session: January 9th to March 27th, 1989 (12 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A".

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds).

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

Third session, April 3rd to June 12th, 1989.

Women's Volleyball And Free Swim:

Session: January 9th to March 27th, 1989 (12 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B".

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds).

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

Third session, April 3rd to June 12th, 1989.

Men's Recreational Volleyball:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun, and competition.

Session: January 10th to March 28th, 1989 (12 weeks).

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Robinson Park School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$20 per person (no refunds).

Supervisor: Peter Parrotta.

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Location: Phelps School Gym (Main Street).

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$35 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$20 per person.

Instructor: Sue Chianciola.

Third session, March 14/16 to May 2nd/4th, 1989.

Open Gym:

Session: January 9th/12th to March 27th/30th.

Time: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School Gym.

Registration: Not required.

FEE: \$2 per person per night (pay the supervisor at the door). Please supply your own basketballs.

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Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 9th to March 27th, 1989.

Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool

Registration: Not required.

Pool Fee: \$1 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty).

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An ordinance amending the Town Code of the Town of Agawam Chapter 20, Section 11 entitled

"SPECIAL PERMITS"

Amend 1st paragraph of Section 20-11 to read as follows:

Sec. 20-11 Special Use Permits Exceptions

1. Authority and Rules

The Board of Appeals by virtue of the authority vested in it by statute may, after public notice and hearing, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards grant a Special Use Permit Exception to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter. The special permit granting authority may adopt and from time to time amend rules and regulations relative to the issuance of such permits and shall file a copy of said rules and regulations in the office of the Town Clerk.

2. Hearing, Notice and Decision

a. The Special permit granting authority shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days after the filing of an application with the special permit granting authority, a copy of which shall forthwith be given to the Town Clerk by the applicant.

b. The special permit granting authority shall require notice be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen (14) days before the hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in Town Hall. Notice shall be sent by mail, postage prepaid, to the petitioner, abutters, owners of land within three hundred (300) feet of the property line as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list including those in another city or town, the Planning Boards of all abutting cities and towns. Such notice shall be prepared, published, posted and mailed by the Board of Appeals.

c. The special permit granting authority shall act within ninety (90) days following the public hearing. Failure to take final action upon an application for a

special permit within said ninety (90) days shall be deemed a grant of the permit applied for.

Upon the granting of a special permit, a copy shall be issued to the owner and the applicant if other than the owner of the property, certified by the special permit granting authority. No special permit shall take effect until a copy of the decision certified by the Town Clerk that twenty (20) days have elapsed and no appeal has been filed, or that if such appeal has been filed that it has been dismissed or denied, is recorded in the Registry of Deeds wherein the land is located.

3. Duration

A special permit granted by the special permit granting authority shall lapse if a substantial use thereof has not commenced within two years, or in the case of construction, if construction has not begun within said two years. Exception may be made for good cause by the special permit granting authority.

4. Special Consideration

Special permits shall be issued by the special permit granting authority for uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, which are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production where the special permit granting authority finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.

5. Planning Board Report

The Planning Board shall transmit a report to the special permit granting authority on each special permit application. The Planning Board shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing on such a special permit. However, the special permit granting authority may act in the absence of a report from the Planning Board after this fourteen day period.

6. Zoning Officer Report

The Zoning Officer shall transmit a report to the special permit granting authority on each special permit application. The Zoning Officer shall be notified at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing on such a special permit. However, the special permit granting authority may act in the absence of a report from the Zoning Officer after this fourteen day period.

7. Standards for Reviewing

The Board of Appeals shall not approve any such application for a Special Use Permit unless it finds in

its judgement all of the following conditions are met:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such a use, building, structure or services.
2. The use as developed will not adversely affect the health, safety or property value of the neighborhood.
3. There will be no nuisance or potential hazard to vehicle or pedestrian safety.
4. That adequate and appropriate facilities and controls will be provided for the proper and safe operation of the proposed use or service.

The Special Use Exception may be granted for a specific use that is not considered so objectionable or obnoxious that the proposed use would be against the public interest or detrimental or injurious to the character of the neighborhood.

8. Conditions Attached to Special Permit Approvals
In approving a special permit, the special permit granting authority may attach such conditions and safeguards as are deemed necessary to protect the neighborhood such as, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Requirement of front, side or rear yards greater than the minimum required by this Ordinance.
- b. Requirement of screening of parking areas or other parts of the premises from adjoining premises or from the street, by walls, fences, planting, or other devices.
- c. Modification of the exterior features or appearance of the structure.
- d. Limitation of size, number of occupants, method or time of operation, or extent of facilities.
- e. Regulation of number, design, and location of access drives or other traffic features.

9. Effect of Denial

If the special permit granting authority after said hearing denies the use applied for, no further application for the same use will be entertained by the Board of Appeals for a period of two (2) years from the date of said denial.

DATED THIS Thirteenth DAY OF December, 1988.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Donald M. Rheault, President

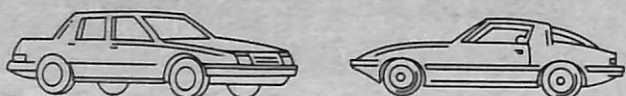
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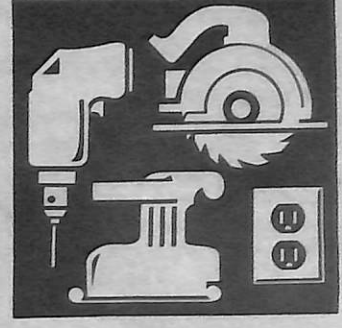
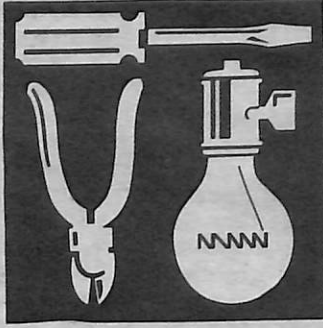
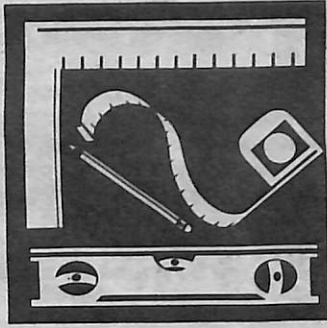
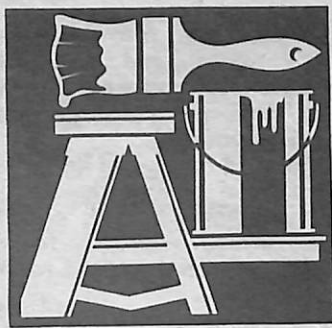
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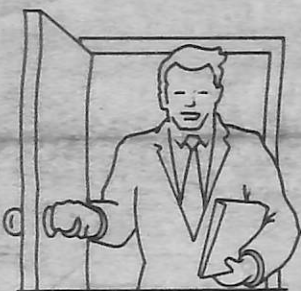


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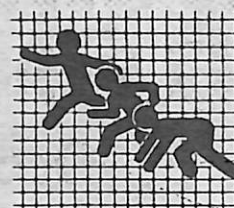
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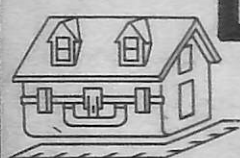
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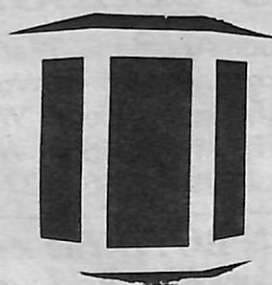
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